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City must unite around safer streets

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Pedestrians need to be vocal during tragic year on roads



Chris Bateman
For Metro | Toronto

Everyone is a pedestrian, but they never speak with one voice. That's the message from Walk

Toronto's Dylan Reid, who is calling for change in the wake of an alarming increase in road deaths.

People need to be vocal, committed and unified to improve safety, he said. It's a hard message to get across to pedestrians because people generally don't identify themselves that way.

Toronto is on course to mark its deadliest year for pedestrians in more than a decade.

Twenty-one pedestrians have been killed on city streets since January. This time last year, there

had been only six fatal crashes involving cars and motorcycles, according to Toronto police.

The lack of cohesion among the millions of people who trek the city's sidewalks runs counter to the attitude among the city's cyclists — now calling loudly for change after three deaths in the last month.

Cycle Toronto is planning a "die-in" at Nathan Phillips Square on Friday, when bicycle users will lie down in mass protest. Their goal is to have city council pursue a target of no

road fatalities at all.

"This is our way of showing solidarity within the cycling community and saying that this has to end, and we certainly hope that it helps to trigger change," Cycle Toronto executive director Jared Kolb said.

Grassroots campaigns — like the one launched in Leaside last summer following the death of seven-year-old Georgia Walsh — have proven most effective at effecting change for the safety of pedestrians, Reid said.

"Those are people who are not

long-time advocates or anything like that," he said. "They're just ordinary citizens who are really concerned about the safety of their children and the ability of their children to walk on the sidewalk safely."

In response to Walsh's death, several councillors crafted a motion that could see the speed limit on downtown residential streets cut from 40 to 30 km/h.

Steve Buckley, the city's head of transportation services, says the reduction might not work without other traffic-calming

measures like speed bumps.

There are also plans to give additional road space to people walking on Yonge Street, where pedestrians drastically outweigh the number of motorists.

"These measures will definitely help," Reid said. "But it's suburban arterial roads that are the most dangerous for pedestrians, and those are really where deep infrastructure changes need to happen."

Profile on the cyclist killed in city's latest road tragedy: page 3

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Cyclist lived life to the fullest

ROADS
26-year-old was third to die on T.O. streets in 2015

Adam Excell's grey Chevy sat unused most days. Even in the blowing snow or pelting rain, the outdoor enthusiast would suit up and walk or bike so he could steal a few extra moments under the sky.

When Halifax was hit with a record blizzard last winter, he pulled on his yellow hooded jacket, strapped on a pair of goggles and snowboarded down historic Citadel Hill.

"He lived for that kind of thing," said lifelong friend Kevin Reid. "You could just see the happiness radiating from him."

The 26-year-old was on his bike Saturday night, heading home from his latest camping trip in Pennsylvania, when he was struck and killed in a hit-and-run at the intersection of Avenue and Davenport roads.

Despite being an adventurer, those who knew him best say Excell was a not a risk-taker. He was wearing a helmet and had lights on at the time of the accident.

"He did everything with caution and judgment," said Reid. "He was someone who biked through the hills of Ireland alone, but he did it with a helmet on, flashers flashing, and wide open eyes. He walked through blizzards to get to work, but he had goggles on



Adam Excell posted this photo of himself atop a mountain in western Ireland to Instagram. Excell was killed in a hit-and-run on his bike last Saturday. INSTAGRAM

and a stove in that backpack — just in case."

Excell is the third cyclist to be killed by a car in the last three weeks. Two of those three were in the old city of Toronto, where there were no cyclist fatalities in all of 2014, according to Advocacy For Respect For Cyclists.

"Eighteen months without a death in the downtown

The world was his playground, with limitless new sights to see and adventures to have.
Lifelong friend Kevin Reid

core," said ARC member Joey Schwartz, "and now two in two weeks — it's awful."

The deaths are an abnormal spike that comes at a time

when the city is installing bike lanes and cycling infrastructure to encourage pedaling.

Jared Kolb, executive director of Cycle Toronto, says



Adam Excell poses in this undated photo posted on his website. CONTRIBUTED

while collisions have been going up, there are more cyclists on the road and so the rate of collisions may in fact be going down. Nevertheless, his organization says the city should really be targeting zero road deaths and is organizing a cyclist "die-in" at City Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Friday called Protect the Lives of People Who Ride.

"We've got to do better as a city to eliminate road deaths for all users: drivers, pedestrians and cyclists," said Kolb.

Charges have been laid in connection to two of the three recent cycling deaths.

In Excell's case, the white Hyundai that hit him continued up Avenue Road and was seen taking the eastbound ramp onto Hwy. 401 with a damaged bumper and broken windshield. The next day, 19-year-old Mitchell Irwin turned himself in and was charged with criminal negligence, dangerous driving and failing to stop.

Excell grew up in Burlington snowboarding at Glen Eden,

then moved to Kelowna, BC, so he could snowboard everyday.

He returned to Ontario to study graphic design at Mohawk College and soon launched an online business, selling T-shirts with the slogans "True North," "Nature is Calling," and "Create Meaning" emblazoned across the fronts. Then he got a job at MEC, where his friends say he found his true calling.

"To know Adam for five minutes, you felt like you knew him forever," said Leylah Cynamon, who started out as a co-worker, but became a close friend.

He took every opportunity to get outdoors, she said, heading to Tobermory or Algonquin Park for the weekend.

On each adventure, he would put his photography skills to use, posting online gorgeous vistas of the Maritimes, the mountains and the forest.

Excell's last Instagram post was on Saturday afternoon. It shows a serene lakeside view with clouds hanging low over the rolling hills.

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TRAFFIC DEATHS

2015: Drivers: 6, Passengers: 1, Pedestrians: 21, Cyclists: 3, Total: 31*

2014: Drivers: 12, Passengers: 5, Pedestrians: 31, Cyclists: 3, Total: 51

*** Through June 14**

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EDUCATION

More students will get report cards

Elementary public school students in Durham region will get report cards despite a job action by teachers, the board announced Wednesday.

"Report cards will be sent home with students on June 25," the Durham District School Board said.

The cards will include "marks for learning skills, marks for all subject areas and class promotion information" but not comments.

York Region District School Board has promised a "mark summary" for their elementary students starting Aug. 31.

Parents or guardians will have to pick that summary at York schools, the board said.

Peel is promising to get this school year's marks by Sept. 30 to families who ask for them.

The announcements come on the heels of Toronto District School Board's change of plans.

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IN BRIEF

Magna Carta coming to Toronto's Fort York

It may have taken hundreds of years, but one of the world's most well known pieces of history is coming to Toronto.

The Magna Carta will be on display at Fort York this fall as the world marks the 800th anniversary of the Great Charter. Sealed by King John on June 15, 1215, the document set the groundwork for many concepts that define modern-day democracy. METRO

STUDENT LOANS

Use points to pay down debt

In what's surely a twist on the laws of money management, Ontario grads now can use a "points card" to actually get out of — not into — debt.

Loan-laden college and university graduates can fly, shop and charge their way to a smaller loan balance now that the province will let them — or any kind-hearted friend or relative — use Aeroplan points to pay down their Ontario student loans.

While the chair of the Canadian Federation of Students-

Ontario says the plan "treats Ontario's student debt crisis like an episode of Extreme Couponing," the College Student Alliance hails it as "another avenue for paying off student debt."

"Now a points card can go to something a little more positive," said communications manager Veronica Barahona.

The Ontario government announced Wednesday it has partnered with a private company called Higher Ed Points that will convert every 35,000 Aeroplan points — earned by flying Air

Canada or using a TD or American Express Aeroplan credit card, for example — into a \$250 payment towards the student's debt under the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).

It's the latest move Aeroplan and Higher Ed Points have made into higher learning. A growing number of colleges and universities, including York, Ryerson and most GTA community colleges, are already letting students use the system to pay tuition.

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7 CHANGES AT THE TRANSFORMED QUEEN'S QUAY

The revitalized Queen's Quay is set to reopen June 19, with Party on the Promenade kicking off a weekend of south-end celebration. So what are some of the changes that will leave us cheering? Here are a few of the brand-new additions you'll now be seeing along the city's waterfront.

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1 Promenade size

To provide a larger area where the public can enjoy a stroll along the waterfront, two lanes of traffic have been removed, a bike lane added and the sidewalk expanded.



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4 Bike lane

The now-completed section of a cyclist trail along Queen's Quay between Bay and Bathurst was the missing link in the Martin Goodman trail. The path is now a continuous bike trail along the city's waterfront.



LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

5 Street signs

To respond to the public's feedback regarding confusing and potentially dangerous intersections along Queen's Quay, new bike signals, advanced left-hand turn signals and new transit signals have been installed at many of the major crossroads.

6 Bike racks

The number of bike racks available to the public has doubled on the south side of Queen's Quay.

7 Power poles

The infrastructure under the streets of Queen's Quay has been completely redone, including water, sewage, electrical gas and telecommunications. As part of the restructuring, visitors will notice new power poles installed made of Canadian wood.

2 Trees

Two hundred and forty new trees have been planted along Queen's Quay. Underneath each tree, planted within the sidewalk, there are silva cells, which allow the tree roots to expand and get the right balance of water. These trees have been designed to grow quickly and are equipped for a long life along the waterfront.

3 Benches

You'll see the same benches made of highly durable ipe wood built all across Queen's Quay. The uniform collection of seats is meant to signal to passers-by that this is a public space, whereas the original medley of designs sprinkled across the waterfront was thought to confuse those who wanted to wander around.

Waterfront CEO hails 'watershed moment'

Toronto is changing from a city with its back to the waterfront into one with its face to the lake, says the CEO of Waterfront Toronto.

But he acknowledges it's a slow process.

On Friday, Waterfront

Toronto is celebrating the completion of the Queen's Quay revitalization project with public events and the cutting of a 650-metre-long blue ribbon.

CEO John Campbell said it's a "watershed moment"

for the city.

His organization is 12 years and nearly \$1.5 billion into its plan to redevelop the waterfront—but that process, Campbell told Metro, is only about 20 per cent complete.

Campbell defines com-

pletion as when all of the 2,000 acres—from about Ontario Place to Leslie Street—of urban brownfields that Waterfront Toronto is responsible for have been redeveloped.

"When we started, we

thought it was a 20- to 25-year project," said Campbell. "That was back in 2003. Now when you look at the 2,000 acres we have jurisdiction over, we're a long way from being finished. It could be another 20, 30, 40 years."

Even though that may not happen within the organization's original 20-year mandate, he said he believes Waterfront Toronto will have left a template for the city to follow.

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BEAUTY GIVES BACK HELLO, BRIGHT EYES Katherine Dupont has bright blue eye makeup applied Wednesday as part of the Beauty Gives Back Wink campaign, which aims to empower women suffering from the emotional and physical fallout that comes with a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Wink's mobile makeup studio will be parking at various locations downtown through Friday to engage with the public and add a pop of colour to the eyes of volunteers. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Tell the Big Three what you want: TTC

BUSINESS

Transit chairman Colle hopes major carriers will offer subway cell service



Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

TTC chairman Josh Colle has a big ask for commuters who have contracts with the Big Three cell providers.

If you want service in subway stations, call them and make your voices heard.

Colle and Mayor John Tory announced Wednesday that Wind Mobile has signed on as the first provider to offer cell service in the subway.

As for Rogers, Bell and Telus: "I think people should put pressure on their carrier to provide that service," Colle said.

Wind's service is now live on platforms in St. George, Bloor-Yonge and Bay stations. It will be available at every station south of Bloor by the time the Pan Am Games start next month.

The TTC has been trying to make

subway cell service available for years.

In 2012, it signed an agreement with BAI Canada to set up and operate a WiFi and cell network. While BAI Canada has been rolling out the WiFi service, it couldn't get a cell carrier to co-operate, until now.

The agreement with Wind doesn't preclude the big three carriers from signing on, said Colle. His "great hope" is that they will follow Wind's lead.

"This is another example of why competition is really good," Wind Mobile CEO Alek Krstajic said. "The cozy little oligopoly of the three players starts to get disrupted."

Mayor John Tory is predicting the big telecom companies will follow suit.

Tory, meanwhile, has declared a conflict of interest on city matters related to Rogers since he's a former executive and board mem-

“I think people should put pressure on their carrier to provide that service.”

TTC chairman Josh Colle

ber. He's also an adviser to a Rogers-related trust.

Rogers is open to an agreement "that would not add additional costs to deploying a wireless system in the TTC and would ensure the necessary technical standards

are met so consumers get the high quality service they expect," the company said in a statement.

Bell and Telus declined comment.



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This year's Luminato Festival will turn a special eye to gathering in public spaces. CONTRIBUTED

Festival offers a green haven

LUMINATO

City has new gathering place, garden



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There's about to be a crisp new green space in the heart of downtown for people to use, free of charge.

The Hub, part of this year's Luminato Festival, will be in David Pecaut Square and open for people to use as a gathering spot for book clubs, knitting circles, fitness classes, yoga, and anything else you can conjure up. Described as Toronto's biggest backyard garden, The Hub is designed as a spot for people to simply come together and relish the city — something organizers say doesn't happen enough.

"Most of the spaces in Toronto are meant to be corridors

to get from point A to B," said Luminato artistic director Jörn Jörn Weisbrodt. "There's far too little public space that's inviting, where you can stay and reflect and entertain yourself."

While Toronto is relatively rich with green spaces, many are hidden and can be hard to find, Weisbrodt said.

The festival collaborated with urban landscape architect Janet Rosenberg to create The Hub, considered a "Garden of Light" filled with plants, trees, fresh flowers and greenery.

THINGS TO CHECK OUT

Five things to check out during Luminato Festival

— Glossary: The art installation by Brazilian artist Regina Silveira incorporates a series of coloured, translucent mar-quees that form a pathway bathing people in the word "light," written in hundreds of languages.

— TimesTalks Luminato: The New York Times' long-running series of live and online conversations with artists, news-makers and social influencers.

— The North South Project: A collective work of storytelling authored by 12 writers.

— Jason Collett's Basement Revue: The Hub's late-night destination that brings Canadian literary and musical talent to the stage with a rock and roll sensibility. Luminatofestival.com has more info.

BIG EVENTS

There will be road closures in Toronto this weekend as special events take place across the city.

People are encouraged to attend, the city said in a release, and businesses will remain open even where roads are closed to traffic. People are encouraged to use transit. The events this weekend include:

North by Northeast Music Festival

Yonge Street from Dundas Street to Queen Street will be closed each night from 7 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 19, Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21.

Muchmusic Video Awards

There will be a series of road closures in the area bounded by Richmond Street in the south, Queen Street in the north, Simcoe Street in the east and Peter Street in the west from Sunday, June 21 at 4 p.m. to Monday, June 22 at 3 a.m.

Taste of Little Italy

College Street from Bathurst Street to Shaw Street will be closed in both directions from Friday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. to Monday, June 22 at 2 a.m.

REFUGEES

Appeal to help Syrians in need

The challenge is on: Canadians need to reach out and help Syrian refugees, say Mayor John Tory and Ratna Omidvar, founding executive director of the Global Diversity Exchange at Ryerson University and chairwoman of Lifeline Syria.

Canadians should reach out and help Syrian refugees just as they helped sponsor Vietnamese refugees in the late 1970s, Omidvar said.

In fact those efforts — which resulted in the resettlement of 60,000 refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos — were the inspiration for Lifeline Syria, she said.

The national call-out to help came after Omidvar and others kicked off a local citizen-led initiative to get groups of residents — individuals and organizations — across the GTA to sponsor 1,000 refugees from the war-torn region over the next two years.

Tory also issued a challenge to other major cities — Ottawa, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary — to step up and organize similar sponsorship initiatives.

"Let's show that we can do this again for the Syrian refugees... I would just hope that as the mayor I can lend helping hand to that, and those other mayors will respond in kind," Tory said.

Since the crisis began there five years ago, close to four million



Leen Al Zaibak, pictured, co-founder and director of Jusoor is also a member of the steering committee for Lifeline Syria.

CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Syrians have fled to neighbouring countries and at least seven million have been internally displaced. It has been described as the worst humanitarian crisis since the Second World War.

"Imagine being uprooted from your home, separated from your family, living in constant fear. This is the reality for the 12 million Syrians — half of the population of Syria — who have been displaced during the four years of ongoing crisis in Syria," says Leen Al Zaibak, a member of the Lifeline Syria steering committee and co-founder of Jusoor, an organization that helps Syrian youth study abroad.

Canada has promised to open its doors to 10,000 Syrians over the next three years, and the government is counting on groups of Canadians to come together and sponsor them. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship costs for a "group of five" or community sponsor, for a family of four (two adults and two dependants) are estimated at \$26,000. That includes: \$20,000 income support for 1 year \$1,150: Basic clothing allowance: \$325 per adult; \$250 per child \$600: Winter clothing \$2,945: Basic furnishings, linens, household products, etc.

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Camp lets kids express political views

EDUCATION

Performance art used to help children form opinions



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A local group is organizing a summer camp with the theme of giving children a chance to express their political views through performance art.

For three weeks in July, Children's Peace Theatre will gather 45 children to engage in discussions about issues affecting their everyday lives. With the help of professional artists, the kids will learn theatre skills and use their own ideas to create and perform a show.

"This being an election year we thought it would be fitting to relearn the tools of democracy with the kids," said Karen Emerson, artistic director.

The camp isn't about teaching a course in any subject, she said. Everything is done to let kids form their own perspectives.

"We want to spark their engagement," Emerson said, adding the children will get to reflect on what they know about government.

Participating kids are drawn from all layers of the community, with help from schools and grassroots organizations.

Over the years, it's become clear that kids want to express their ideas and contribute to society. Whether it's about religion, politics or culture, kids have shown great interest in being heard, said Emerson.

"Believe me, these kids are way smarter than we give them credit for," she said.



Past participants in Children's Peace Theatre camps explored themes like food migration and global security. CONTRIBUTED

ART

New project explores The End of Books

Zora Anaya likes to walk through Toronto neighbourhoods. More often than not, she's on the lookout for something in particular: Books.

"I love books. And I don't mean e-books," said the business officer at University of Toronto's School of Public Policy and Governance. "Paper books are very important, and we all know that they are sadly disappearing."

As bookstores close and more business gets churned out online, Anaya believes paper books are going to be a rare treasure in 50 to 100 years. Her new art project, The End of Books, strives to make sure they are preserved.

Anaya uses pages and covers

from discarded books — many of which she finds placed on curbs as garbage during her walks — to create collages. She then immortalizes the collages in drawings.

An exhibition of her work is on display this week at Gallery 1313 (Queen Street West, and Cowan). Many more of her creations have taken up residence in her at-home art studio.

While she predicts a day when paper books will no longer exist, she still thinks people feel a deep connection to them.

It's certainly true for her. "Books have helped me to learn about life," she said. "I just want to show that."

GILBERT NGABO/METRO



Zora Anaya collects abandoned books and creates collages and drawings in an effort to immortalize them. CONTRIBUTED

ABORIGINAL HISTORY MONTH

Indigenous cultures celebrated at free events

Two large free events will mark National Aboriginal History Month at Fort York National Historic Site.

The third annual Indigenous Arts Festival at Fort York, taking place this weekend, celebrates traditional and contemporary music, dance, theatre, storytelling, visual arts, spoken word, crafts and food created by indigenous artists from across Canada.

Events will take place

from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Native Men's Residence (Na-Me-Res) Traditional Powwow will be held on Sunday to recognize National Aboriginal Day.

It features traditional dancing, drumming, a kids area and craft vendors. Seven Aboriginal drum groups and over 100 traditional dancers are expected to participate.

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POLICING

Carding reform delayed

Rights activists spoke out at city hall Wednesday afternoon, expressing fear that a provincial review of carding — announced Tuesday — will delay Mayor John Tory's promise to reform the police practice.

But the move — by activist and journalist Desmond Cole, lawyer Howard Morton of the Law Union, Akio Maroon of Black Lives Matter and activist and law student Knia Singh — came too late.

About an hour later, the mayor's office released a motion he will table at Thursday's police-board meeting that will delay carding reform by months.

Tory will recommend a permanent cancellation of the practice in its current form but says the board should wait to create a draft policy "no later than two months after legislative approval of any regulatory changes." The province is expected to first complete a review of carding — also called street checks — by September.

"It makes no sense to go and do all this work and come up with a policy, only to have them come out in the fall and say, 'No that policy doesn't align with the regulations,'" said a source familiar with the mayor's recommendation. "They have the ultimate authority over this."

Cole says there is no reason to wait for provincial reform.

"I must stress Toronto has the tools to deal with police carding now," said Cole.

The Toronto police board has been working on carding reform since 2012, after a Torstar News Service investigation showed a disproportionately high number of black residents were being carded by police.

Carding is an "atrociousity in a city where we talk about under-employment of these young black men," said Cole, where their opportunities for school and work are threatened by a "practice that has no legitimacy."

A revised carding policy voted in by the board in April 2014 gathered dust after then-chief Bill Blair refused to write procedures to implement it.

A watered-down policy was passed a year later, much to the dismay of activists.

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I must stress Toronto has the tools to deal with police carding now.

Desmond Cole, activist and journalist



New wayfinding signs contain information that will help pedestrians navigate the downtown core. GILBERT NGABO/METRO

ETOBICOKE

Man accused of sex assault at school

Toronto police have arrested and charged a Mississauga man after a 13-year-old female student was sexually assaulted at an Etobicoke school.

According to police, a man was communicating with the student from December 2014 to June 5, and between May 10 to June 5 sexually assaulted the girl during school hours.

Police arrested 53-year-old Martin Bartholomew from Mississauga on Tuesday and charged him with two counts of assault and one count each of sexual assault and sexual interference. He appeared in court later on Tuesday.

Police said Bartholomew had been employed by Greenhol-



Martin Bartholomew
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me Junior Middle School for around 15 years. They believe there may be more victims as he had access to many children at the school.

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IN BRIEF

Hamilton acts against community-mailbox ruling
Hamilton is moving to appeal a judge's decision over the placement of Canada Post community mailboxes.

The city's general-issues committee voted 8-4 in favour of challenging the ruling, but council approval next week is still required.

Last week a judge found

that a bylaw, which required Canada Post to obtain a \$200 permit per site to install boxes on municipal land, did not apply to the Crown corporation. The city brought in the bylaw after complaints over safety, privacy, litter and traffic when the mailboxes were installed in what they considered less-than-ideal locations. CHML/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A beacon amid twisting streets

WAYFINDING

Better signage part of broad strategy for getting around



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Finding your way in downtown Toronto just got a little easier.

The city is launching a pilot project that will see 22 new signs installed throughout the Financial District in the next two weeks.

The project will help pedestrians and public-transit users navigate the downtown core, offering precise information on where they are and how they can get to any specific point. It is part of a broader wayfinding strategy approved by city council back in 2012.

"This is a very useful navigation tool for visitors and resi-

dents," said Fiona Chapman, manager of pedestrian projects at the City's of Toronto's department of transportation services.

The new signs feature upgraded mapping, with information on walking distances and the locations of essential services, such as bike shares, TTC stations, parking lots, PATH entrances and other ways to get around. They also come complete with Braille.

"We are trying to get as consistent as possible," said Chapman.

This pedestrian-transit wayfinding project is a component of the general strategy, which encompasses the parks and



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Fiona Chapman, manager of pedestrian projects

trails wayfinding that's currently under study, cycling strategy as well as signage posts for highways and expressways, she said.

Following this pilot project, an evaluation is planned later in fall from which they will formulate recommendations to city council before proceeding with the citywide rollout.

"A lot of hard work is in downtown because it's so complex," said Chapman, adding it might be a little easier when the project moves to the suburbs.

The development of the strategy and the execution of the pilot project have cost about \$1.2 million.

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Let the Games begin

Just in time for the Pan Am Games, Toronto Public Health has rolled out a reminder to play safe. Sexually, that is.

GILBERT NGABO / METRO

CondomTO unveiled six new prophylactics on Wednesday, part of the health unit's innovative efforts to promote safer sex.

It follows the success of city-themed condoms doled out during last year's Pride Parade, along with similar campaigns in New York City and Los Angeles.

The campaign's message is worth reporting. Results from a recent Toronto Public Health survey showed only 60 per cent of students in Grades 9 to 12 reported using a condom the last time they had sex.

The stylized condoms will be distributed at various locations throughout the city, free of charge — including during the Pan Am Games.

After all, the overarching theme for each wrapper is "Let the games begin."

There are 288,000 condoms, and 100,000 of them are being distributed to Games athletes in their welcome packages and at the athletes' village. That means they could get 14 condoms each, because about 7,000 athletes are heading to town.



POVERTY

More students using food banks

A local initiative is trying to raise awareness about food insecurity among post-secondary students.

Beyond Campus Food Banks is a nationwide movement that aims to address issues of hunger on campuses.

Organizers say the growing number of students using campus food banks is alarming and a direct reflection of the poverty students are facing.

"We make these assumptions that when you go to university you are well off," said Anita Abraham, executive director of Meal Exchange, the charity running the campaign.

Students across Canada are increasingly facing challenges tied to higher tuition fees and cost of living, she said. And, a lot of people simply "aren't noti-

cing how much these numbers are going up."

The group is planning a number of advocacy initiatives over the summer. They include a national student food summit and publishing Campus Hunger Reports to quantify the number of students using food banks on individual campuses.

The effort will culminate with the National Day of Action on Student Poverty in 2016.

Earlier this year, the Ryerson Student Union published its hunger report, showing that a record number of students were getting help from its food bank.

Abraham said all parties, including policy makers and university administrators, need to be at the discussion table working toward solutions.

+ THE NUMBERS

- 238%: Tuition fee increase since 1991
- 50%: Drop in government funding for post-secondary education since 1992
- \$28,000: Average debt a Canadian student will carry upon graduation
- 17%: Increase in housing costs for students between 2009 and 2012

SOURCE: MEAL EXCHANGE

"We need to make sure that food insecurity is not a reality for any student," she said.

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

FATAL SHOOTING

Fund created for Cook family

Family friends of Jeremy Cook, the young Brampton man killed in London, Ont., on Sunday, have launched an online crowdfunding campaign to support his family.

The GoFundMe campaign, called the "Jeremy Cook Memorial Fund," was created Tuesday by Maureen Dilorio, a longtime family friend of the Cook family, along with four

others "in honour of the young, beautiful soul taken way too early," the campaign description says.

By 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, 124 people had donated a collective \$10,795, more than half of the campaign's \$20,000 goal. Many donors put forward \$50 or \$100 and at least two people each gave \$500 to the fund.

Dilorio said all funds raised will be used to cover the Cook family's immediate expenses, including his funeral, and also give them the opportunity to take extended time off work to mourn.

Cook, 18, was shot multiple times after tracking his lost cellphone to a car in London early Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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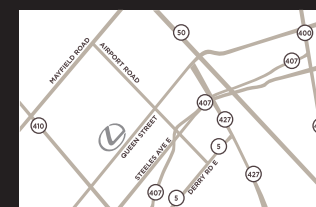
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Bike lanes to be extended

PROPOSAL

Councillors unanimous that extensions are way forward

A recommendation to extend separated bike lanes on downtown Richmond and Adelaide Sts. breezed through Toronto's public works committee.

Councillors gave a unanimous green light to the city staff proposal that will roll into city council for final approval July 7.

The politicians from all parts of the political spectrum, and urban and suburban wards, marvelled at and applauded a boom in use of the lanes since the \$300,000 pilot project launched a year ago.

"If you build it, they will come," exulted Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon. "Richmond St. from 504 cyclists per day to 2,144; Adelaide from 544 cyclists per day to 2,301, Simcoe St. from 727 cyclists per day to 1,177 — that is unbelievable, that is so spectacular."



New bike lanes on Richmond, Adelaide and Simcoe street have tripled cycling on those stretches of road but haven't slowed traffic, according to a preliminary evaluation of the city pilot project a year later. Photos of cyclists on westbound Richmond Street. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The positive evaluation of the separated lanes noted that removing some vehicle lanes has not noticeably slowed vehicle traffic, and in some cases it has sped it up.

The lanes, separated by barriers including flex-posts and planters, were installed

eastbound on Adelaide from Bathurst to Simcoe Sts.; westbound on Richmond from York to Bathurst Sts.; and Simcoe St. north-south from Queen to Front Sts...

Council will consider extending the Adelaide and Richmond lanes east to Parliament

St. The Simcoe lanes are not set to grow right now but the committee asked staff to report in September on the feasibility of growing them to Queens Quay.

The additional safety afforded to cyclists behind physical barriers was noted, as were the deaths of three



If you build it, they will come

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

cyclists on city streets in the past two weeks.

Councillor Stephen Holyday, a conservative Etobicoke councillor, said "I'm concerned any time we take away (car) lanes but I believe there is a compelling case here ...

"I will be watching closely the numbers ... to make sure that it is appropriate moving forward but all indicators at this point in time are that this is a logical way to go."

The extended lanes would initially include gaps on Adelaide next to First Canadian Place and Scotia Plaza, where there is construction hoarding and heavily used loading zones on the north side of the street.

Cycling advocates say that, if the cycling lanes are permanent, they would expect those gaps to be closed.

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POLITICS

Tory: All OK with me and Keesmaat

Mayor John Tory looks forward to "continuing a professional relationship," with Toronto chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat but warned city staff not to "debate" elected officials.

The mayor also told reporters Wednesday that he has "discouraged" his staff and others around him, including adviser Nick Kouvalis, from having social media fights with city officials.

Tory told reporters after a transit announcement he was not aware Keesmaat had, the previous evening, grabbed a CP24 news camera and walked away from an interview with a reporter.

The reporter had tried to ask Keesmaat about a recent meeting, first reported by the Star, involving Tory about the heated east Gardiner Expressway debate.

Tory confirmed that Keesmaat, was told she cannot "debate" him and other politicians fighting to keep up the expressway.

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HEALTH

Family's baby formula woes

The birth of twins in January for an Oshawa couple quickly turned from a dream to a nightmare — medically and financially.

Jamie Barrette and Trevor Grant's twins Shaylyn and Grayson were born six weeks premature on Jan. 28. Shortly after, they were diagnosed with a disease common in premature babies — necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC).

Shaylyn was immediately taken off all food, labeled critical and put onto an IV. Three days later, things got worse: Grayson began to exhibit the same symptoms and was also put on an IV.

The good news for the youngest twin was that because his NEC was caught earlier than his twin's, his symptoms were less severe.

NEC is considered the most common life-threatening gastrointestinal issue in premature infants, and is a leading cause of death.

But, in the best of cases, it damages the stomach lining and the baby's ability to digest normal food, so babies with NEC need an amino-acid based formula called Neocate that doesn't need to be digested, just absorbed by the body.

It gives the baby's body a chance to rest and heal.

Neocate is expensive, so the couple called Sun Life, the insur-



Trevor Grant and Jamie Barrette with twins Grayson and Shaylyn. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ance company that covers Grant through his employment with Coca-Cola.

Initially, they were told they'd be 100 per cent covered, up to a maximum of \$20,000 per year, per child.

"We cried in happiness because that is a huge load off of us," Barrette said. "(Because) we have five kids together now."

But the jubilation was short-lived. After they filed their first prescription for Neocate, Sun Life told them the company does not cover infant formula, and the previous conversation had been a mistake.

Sun Life investigated the matter over several weeks, coming back to the couple in late May with the explanation that the mistake had been the result of

an error on the Drug Identification Number (DIN).

A spokesperson for Sun Life Financial declined to comment on specific cases, but pointed to the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (CLHIA) for insight into how policies determine what is covered.

Its vice-president of external relations, Wendy Hope said the reason Neocate is not covered by many standard plans is because it is considered a nutritional supplement, not a drug. "We totally, totally empathize with these families," Hope said.

But, "there is no cookie-cutter solution and that's why there are differences across plans. It depends on so many different parameters."

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Michael Chan speaks about the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games in August 2013. Premier Kathleen Wynne says CSIS concerns that Chan was under the influence of a foreign government are "baseless." GALIT RODAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Chan dismisses CSIS allegations

POLITICS

Minister slams claims of Chinese influence

A provincial cabinet minister says a newspaper article about concerns from Canada's spy agency that he was under the influence of the Chinese government is little more than a rehash of debunked, "ludicrous" allegations.

The Globe and Mail reported Tuesday that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service warned the Ontario government in 2010 that Michael Chan may have been susceptible to Chinese influence and had "unusually close ties to Chinese officials."

In a statement today Chan

says the article repeats five-year-old, unfounded suggestions and notes that the paper itself at the time in 2010 called the allegations "reckless, foolish and contradictory."

Premier Kathleen Wynne says Chan, who is now the minister of citizenship, immigration and international trade, has served with honour in the Ontario government and is one of the hardest-working people she has ever met.

Chan told the Globe and Mail that CSIS alleged he owned property in China and had asked the then-consul general directly for a visa and that if favours were granted, reciprocation could be expected — allegations he said were not true.

"The body of the article contains a blend of innuendo and half-suggestions," he wrote in his statement Wednesday.

"Although there are no specific allegations, provocative words like treason and espionage are used for no reason. There is a persistent theme that there is a perceived risk that I am under undue influence and that I am an unwitting dupe of a foreign government. This is offensive and totally false. This personal attack is deeply offensive to me and to my family."

Wynne, who defended Chan the day the article was published, continued to do so Wednesday.

"There are some who may believe that there is something sinister about maintaining deep ties with one's country of origin, or one's culture," the premier wrote in a statement. "I believe the opposite and so do millions of Canadians who have immigrated to Canada."

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SENATE SCANDAL

Accountant tells Duffy trial about famous \$90K payment

A government forensic accountant who delved into Mike Duffy's finances testified Wednesday about the trail taken by the notorious \$90,000 payment to Duffy from the prime minister's former chief of staff, Nigel Wright.

Mark Grenon, who was contracted by the RCMP to examine the embattled senator's accounts, was testifying for a second day at Duffy's trial.

He said the Wright money was first transferred from an American account to a Canadian account on March 25, 2013.

The funds were then moved to an Ottawa law firm, Nelligan O'Brien Payne, and subsequently into Duffy's bank account.

The Receiver General of Canada then received \$90,172.24 from Duffy, Grenon added.

Before this all unfolded, Grenon said Duffy was involved in other financial activities.

On March 22, Duffy re-financed his home in an Ottawa suburb for \$91,600. Grenon said \$80,000 was transferred to Duffy's line of credit on the same day.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to 31 charges include fraud, bribery and breach of trust. The single bribery charge relates to the \$90,000 payment.

During court proceedings, Duffy's lawyer said the Receiver General would have been under the impression the payment came directly from Duffy.

"It makes it appear, doesn't it, at the end of the day ... that Nigel Wright's \$90,000 ... came from Sen. Duffy?" Bayne asked.

"In the eyes of the Receiver General? Yes it does," Grenon said.

Grenon also told court money could have been concealed with the advice of a forensic accountant.

"Look, I didn't say he did it perfectly," Bayne said.



Mike Duffy

"I don't think this was done with the intent to hide," Grenon said.

The RCMP also investigated Wright, but no charges were laid.

Wright maintained he gave the senator the money to ensure taxpayers did not have to foot the bill for Duffy's questioned expenses.

Ontario Justice Charles Vailancourt still has to determine if Grenon's testimony will be entered as fact for the purposes of the trial.

Proceedings will last until the end of the week before the trial goes on a summer break.

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IN BRIEF

Man flees after holing up inside Canadian Tire

Police said a man armed with at least one high-powered gun fled a Canadian Tire store in Timmins late Wednesday, 17 hours after barricading himself inside.

Timmins police Insp. Mike McGinn said the store alarm went off around 4 a.m. and employees found an intruder when they arrived.

"The target of the break-in was firearms and there are firearms that have been removed," McGinn said.

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DON MEREDITH

Toronto senator had affair with me: Teen

A Toronto-based senator, under investigation for workplace sexual harassment, is facing a new allegation that he had a sexual relationship with a teenager during the past two years.

Don Meredith, 50, has been a senator since 2010 and is also a Pentecostal pastor with the Praise Centre in Toronto.

The young woman, now 18, said she met Meredith at a church event in Ottawa two years ago. She said the relationship began with sexually

explicit chats over Skype and progressed to physical intimacy, kissing and touching before she turned 18.

Meredith sent tweets to his followers on June 11, after a CTV report on the workplace sexual harassment allegations.

"A lion never loses sleep over the opinions of sheep," said the first tweet, accompanied by a photo of a male lion.

The Conservatives kicked Meredith from Senate caucus Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TORONTO'S 'MAIN STREET'

It's Sir George Yonge's 283rd birthday this week (we think; the records are patchy). If the name's not familiar to you, it should be. Toronto's most famous street is named in his honour. John Graves Simcoe, the founder of York (now Toronto), selected the name as a shout-out to his English friend, who was a U.K. member of parliament and secretary of war. Yonge never actually visited York, or Canada, but he had a keen interest in ruler-straight Roman roads, which Yonge Street resembled.

CHRIS BATEMAN FOR METRO

1 For the troops

Yonge Street started out as a strategic military route. Carved out of virgin forest, mostly in the dead of winter, the route reached Lake Simcoe, its intended destination, in 1796. John Graves Simcoe, the founder of Toronto, hoped the unpaved trail would make it easier for British troops stationed north of his fledgling town to head south in the event of an American invasion.

2 Going under

The Yonge subway line was the first underground metro system in Canada. When it opened in 1954, trains only ran between Union and Eglinton, replacing one of the city's busiest streetcar lines. At the time, the city hoped to eradicate surface rail in favour of a comprehensive subway network. In 1963, the Union-St. George section was added, and, in 1966, the Bloor-Danforth line took its first passengers. The Spadina line arrived in 1978, but the streetcars never left.

A 1790 PORTRAIT OF SIR
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3 Depraved '70s

Toronto's principal thoroughfare was notorious for vice in the late 1970s. Between Queen and Bloor streets, porn theatres, strip clubs and dingy bars lined the downtown sidewalk. Drugs, prostitution and crime were common. The murder of Emanuel Jaques, a shoeshine boy, in 1977 shocked the city and prompted efforts to clean up the strip.

4 Pedestrian rule

Though it still boasts four lanes of traffic, downtown Yonge Street carries more pedestrians and transit riders than it does cars. In 1971, the city pedestrianized the street during the summer months. Patios spilled out into the street and there were decorations hung in the air. The idea was nixed in 1974 amid concerns the festivities had allowed illegal activities to flourish.

5 Size is everything

Ask most Canadians to name the longest street in the world, and most will say Yonge Street. Sadly, it's not officially true. The Guinness Book of Records took away the coveted title in 1999. The dispute centres around whether Yonge Street and Highway 11, which ends in Rainy River on the Ontario-Minnesota border, are the same entity. Without the extra length, Yonge Street officially ends in Barrie.



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Off-roading death stats up

SAFETY

OPP speaks up on worst year for vehicle users since '09

Ontario Provincial Police say this year has already seen the highest number of off-road vehicle deaths since 2009.

They say that by this time last year, there was just one off-road vehicle fatality on record within their jurisdiction.

A nine-year-old boy and a 17-year-old are among nine people who died in recent off-road vehicle deaths investigated by the OPP this year.

Police say that their investigations have revealed that alcohol was a factor in five of the incidents, while speeding was involved in three of them.

They also say five of the people who died were not wearing a helmet.

Police are urging all off-road vehicle users to wear a helmet every time they ride, regardless of how short a distance they are travelling.

"This spike in fatalities

serves as a harsh reminder that unsafe off-roading keeps costing riders of all ages their lives, leaving families devastated and struggling to understand why their loved ones did not stay safe while out riding," said Chief Supt. Chuck Cox, commander of the OPP highway safety division.

The OPP says it is urging off-road vehicle enthusiasts to wear a helmet every time, no matter how short a ride they plan to take.

The force is also warning people to avoid alcohol or drugs in off-road vehicle outings and to keep their speed under control so that they don't lose control of their vehicles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nine

The number of off-road vehicle deaths investigated by the OPP this year. 2015 has already been the most fatal year for off-road driving since 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unsafe off-roading keeps costing riders of all ages their lives.

OPP Chief Supt. Chuck Cox on a root cause of fatal off-roading incidents



The number of off-road vehicle deaths has spiked this year.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Man charged with sexual assault of young girl

A Peterborough man faces charges in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a young girl in the city.

Peterborough Police began an investigation last Friday after getting information about alleged sexual offences against a girl under the age of sixteen that began on May 13 and continued until last week.

They say the man and the victim knew each other.

Ryan Dewagner, 27, was arrested on Tuesday and charged with sexual interference with a person under 16 years of age, invitation to sexual touching under 16 years of age, sexual assault on a person under 16 years of age, luring a person under 16 years of age by means of telecommunication and failing to comply with a probation order.

He was to appear in a Peterborough court on Wednesday.

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HYDRO ONE

Grits pick IPO underwriters

Ontario's Liberal government has selected Scotiabank and RBC Capital Markets as underwriters for its controversial initial public offering of Hydro One.

Passage of the Liberals' omnibus budget bill earlier this month cleared the way for the sale of 60 per cent of Hydro One, the giant transmission utility that also serves as a local electricity distributor for 1.3 million customers.

"This decision marks the next step in a robust selection process that will allow broad ownership of Hydro One to help support investments in transit, transportation and other priority infrastructure projects," the government said in a news release.

"Denis Desautels, a special adviser to the Minister of Energy and former Auditor General of Canada, reviewed the selection process to ensure fairness."

The government hopes to raise \$9 billion from the partial sale, with \$5 billion earmarked for hydro debt and \$4 billion going to fund public transit projects.

"Broadening the ownership of Hydro One is part of the government's economic

plan for Ontario," says the news release.

"The four-part plan is building Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, building public infrastructure like roads and transit, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives and building a secure retirement savings plan."

The sale will begin with an IPO of 15 per cent.

The fees for Scotiabank and RBC Capital Markets will be set at one per cent for institutional investors and three per cent for retail investors.

The passage of the budget bill also removed oversight by legislative officers such as the auditor general and ombudsman, a move that both opposition parties have criticized. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$9 billion

The amount of cash the province hopes to generate by selling off 60 per cent of Hydro One. More than half of that amount is earmarked for hydro debt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1.3 million

The number of customers who rely on Hydro One as a local electricity distributor across the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ SALE SAFEGUARDS

Province taking precautions: Premier Kathleen Wynne has said the Liberals took steps to protect the public in the sale of Hydro One by ensuring that no one individual will own more than

10 per cent of it, that the Ontario Energy Board will continue to set prices, and that the government would retain control of the utility by owning at least 40 per cent of it.

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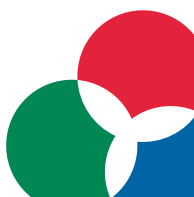


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Taha Muharuma, right, works with George Bouck during #CaptureTheStreets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cameras help kids capture the streets

HOMELESSNESS

Photo project helps youth 'break down the stigma'

Taha Muharuma has more than 33,000 Instagram fans who follow him to see his stylized snapshots of city life.

But during a recent visit to Toronto's colour-drenched Graffiti Alley, the seasoned street photographer took a turn in front of the lens.

Muharuma wanted to better inform his two attentive students about the intricacies of composition and lighting. It was more than just an advanced lesson on smartphone snapshots.

For Gilad Cohen, it was an effort to help educate and uplift homeless and at-risk youth through the art of photography.

Cohen's non-profit organization Jayu — which shares human rights stories using art — partnered with six Toronto-based photographers and the Horizons For Youth shelter for the project #CaptureTheStreets, which kicked off in the spring.

The photographers, including Muharuma, each zeroed in on a different element of mobile street photography, and young participants went out to explore different parts of the city to fine-tune their skills with guidance from their mentors.

"We're talking about landscapes, we're talking about portraits, we're talking about shadow shooting, and we're using those characteristics — or those traits — to show the youth how to take photos," said Cohen. "It sort of changes the way they not

only look at themselves and their skills, but the city around them."

Cohen got involved with street photography about two years ago and says it's given him a much-needed creative outlet for expression — one which he hoped to share with the young people.

"When you're working with an oppressed group, you're working with a group that's lost its voice," he said. "Through this project, we're hoping to empower them, but also to give them a platform to regain their voice and break down some of the negative stigma that follows the youth around in this community."

Already passionate about photography, Yasmin Gilani seized on the chance to take part in the project, which she learned about through her case worker.

The 20-year-old said she learned tips and tricks from Muharuma on how to feature highlights and shadows in her shots. She proudly scrolled through a series of photos captured on her



When I'm out with you guys, I feel like a regular person.

Unnamed homeless youth

mobile phone, including several taken in the subway.

"It's helping me a lot because in the future I'm planning on becoming a makeup artist," she said. "If I learn these tricks now, in the future I maybe can do something with my own business."

Cohen said the project proved to be far more affecting than he had anticipated.

"We had one youth come in today and she said, 'You know, when I'm in the shelter, I feel like I'm homeless. But when I'm out with you guys, I feel like a regular person.' And that's so profound. That's one of those outcomes that you never really predict." THE CANADIAN PRESS

+ GALLERIES TO EXHIBIT PHOTOS

Where you can see the pictures

The best photos from each youth who took part in #CaptureTheStreets will be displayed at galleries throughout the city.

They'll be at Scrim4rent (June 19-28), the Centre for Social Innovation (July 3-12) and Brimz (July 15-26).

Full proceeds from each photo sale will go directly to the person who took the photo.

Community Story Strat-

egies worked with participants to record a personal story or memory related to their image. Gallery visitors will be able to access the audio with headphones next to the photos.

A social media campaign is also encouraging users to capture street photos and share their thoughts on youth homelessness and their own communities using the hashtag #CaptureTheStreets.

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Police march along side the funeral procession for slain police officer Const. Daniel Woodall, in Edmonton on Wednesday.



An officer is hugged by a pedestrian before the funeral procession. PHOTOS BY JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fallen officer remembered

FUNERAL

Const. Daniel Woodall was a shining example: Chief



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In an Edmonton conference centre filled with police officers, friends of Const. Daniel Woodall told stories about the man behind the badge, who was killed in the line of duty last week.

"My first thoughts were that he looked like a 12-year-old in uniform," Dave Ainsworth joked about the first time he met Woodall, when

he walked into a Manchester police station for his first day as an officer.

Ainsworth, who knew Woodall since the officer's time in Manchester, England, delivered one of several eulogies for him, bringing to a close a week of mourning for a city shocked by the violence that struck it last Monday.

New York Police department officer Michael Catlin, who got to know Woodall at a police conference, read from a letter he wrote to Woodall's wife, Claire.

He said when he came to visit him in Edmonton he saw how committed Woodall was to her and their children.

"I knew Dan the Cop. I knew Dan the man and even though he spoke of you often that was the first time I saw Dan the husband and the father,"

he said.

Mayor Don Iveson saluted all of the officers in the room, thanking them for their service.

"Our police go about their work everyday, often taken for granted, and yet these women and men are some of our finest and bravest citizens," he said.

He said the blue ribbons and other signs of support showed Edmonton's true spirit.

"We embrace you. We have adopted you as family, because that's what Edmonton is all about," he said.

Police Chief Rod Knecht said the entire community had felt Woodall's death, but nowhere more than in his family.

"The days have been ragged and emotional, and for Dan's family and his many co-workers and squad mates I can tell you it has been devastating," he said.

He promised Woodall's wife she would always have a family here.

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Dave Ainsworth, friend and colleague

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Public gets say on plane noise

AIRPORTS

Residents under flight paths to be consulted

The federal government wants to give people living under flight paths the chance to have their voices heard over the din of passing aircraft.

Residents in affected communities will now be included in consultations and deliberations about shifting flight paths at major airports.

The new rules went into effect on Wednesday.

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said she expects every airport in the country to follow the spirit and intent of the new rules when they make decisions about the routes planes fly, whether it's a change to flight paths to Toronto Pearson International, or to the smaller Billy Bishop Airport



Transport Minister Lisa Raitt.

on Toronto Island.

"We expect that you're going to implement this protocol so we can avoid the disaster that has happened with the implementation of new flight routes in the Toronto Pearson area," Raitt told reporters in Ottawa.

She said many residents who live under those flight paths have been frustrated that their voices weren't heard when changes were made in the past.

Previously, airports only had to ask for input from anyone



We expect ... to implement this protocol so we can avoid the disaster that has happened with ... new flight routes in the Toronto Pearson area.

Lisa Raitt

living within 10 nautical miles — about 18 kilometres — of an airport.

If anyone farther away had issues, there was little they could do, which has frustrated many residents affected by airport noise.

When Raitt was asked what would happen if airports didn't follow the new rules, she said residents should call her directly, "and we'll have a conversation with the airports."

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PUBLIC INDECENCY

Stripped of their travel rights

A brother and sister from Saskatchewan say they are "deeply sorry" for taking off their clothes on top of a sacred mountain in Malaysia.

Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have released a statement saying they did not mean offence and were unaware of the spiritual significance of Mount Kinabalu.

"The contents of our hearts and everything else that was laid bare during our summit experience were a reflection of the exuberance and joy we felt for our achievement of climbing the tallest peak in Southeast Asia," the statement says. "There was absolutely no ill intent."

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped and took photos on the mountain on May 30. A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful and caused an earthquake a few days later that killed 18 climbers.

The Canadians, along with Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins, spent three days in jail before pleading guilty to public indecency. They were fined about \$1,600 each and deported.

The Petersens arrived back in Saskatchewan over the weekend. A person who answered the phone at their parents' home in Wood Mountain, southwest of Regina, declined comment.

Lindsey Petersen, a University



Lindsey Petersen, left, and Dutch national Dylan Snel arrive at court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. AFP/Getty Images

of Regina engineering graduate, had detailed his travels in Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

"This is an experience that

we have learned from and will never forget," the siblings say in the statement, which ends with a quote from Mark Twain: "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society."

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Todd Holt in Calgary Monday. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New charges thanks to 'brave warriors'

SEXUAL ABUSE

Former coach to face more allegations in Saskatchewan

Todd Holt says the scars from being sexually abused by former junior hockey coach Graham James will never fade, but every new accuser that comes forward helps lessen the load.

Holt, a standout player with the Swift Current Broncos from 1989 to 1994, is closely watching the latest legal proceedings against his former mentor and convicted pedophile.

James, who remains in prison serving a sex-crimes sentence, is to appear in a Saskatchewan court Friday to face sex-related charges involving another Broncos player dating back to the early 1990s.

Holt says he encouraged the latest accuser to come forward

sooner. But he understands the hesitation.

"It's something you truly think you can take to your grave," Holt recalls. "If I ever had a regret it would be not saying more when I could have."

This is the third time James has faced sex charges.

He served 3½ years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty in 1997 to sex offences against Sheldon Kennedy and two others. Kennedy played for the Swift Current Broncos of the Western Hockey League at the time of the assaults and went on to play in the National Hockey League.

James sought and received a pardon for those offences in 2007, but was back in court a few years later when Holt and his cousin, retired Calgary Flames star Theo Fleury, came forward with new allegations.

James pleaded guilty and was initially sentenced to two years in 2012. An appeal court increased the sentence to five years and, although he has been



It's clarification that it's not your fault.

Sheldon Kennedy

eligible for full parole, he has never applied.

Holt says he and scores of other young players were interviewed by police when Kennedy first came forward.

"You don't know what to say. You don't know how to say it. If I did, what were going to be the consequences?"

"When you're put on the spot and you've been through this and you've lived the lie for so many years, one more white lie didn't seem like it was that bad. I feel awful that we couldn't be there more for Sheldon."

Both Holt and Kennedy plan to be in Swift Current when James faces the newest

allegations.

"It's not about me anymore. It's about these brave warriors — the victims who are coming out," Holt said.

"I had given so much of my life to Graham James. We need to keep our lives going the way we want them, instead of being manipulated or being overshadowed by the darkness of the past."

Kennedy, who has dedicated his life to fight sexual abuse, says for those who do speak up the process can be terrifying.

"They think to themselves, 'I've told my story and it's all over now.' But the reality is it's not over. The damage has been done and now the journey starts to get ourselves to a place where we can actually feel good about ourselves," Kennedy said.

"It's clarification that it's not your fault. I think it's one of the biggest burdens that individuals carry — that they've done something to deserve this."

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

MPs rip Forces' top general over 'inexplicable' remarks

An awkward turn of phrase or a revealing glimpse into the mindset of senior leadership in the Canadian military?

Remarks made by the chief of defence staff suggesting men are "biologically wired in a certain way" to make them believe it is OK to sexually harass women sparked debate Wednesday about whether the Canadian Forces can deal with sexual harassment in their ranks.

The Liberals called for Gen. Tom Lawson to be immediately fired or step aside, but Lawson's term ends this summer and his replacement is already teed up, Prime Minister Stephen Harper

told question period.

"The comments made here are offensive, they are inappropriate, they are inexplicable," Harper said. "The general did immediately apologize."

In a statement Tuesday night after he made the comments in an interview with the CBC, Lawson called his comments an awkward characterization and said he was in no way trying to excuse anyone from responsibility for their actions.

But several MPs didn't appear to accept that apology Wednesday, grilling Lawson about his remarks during an appearance before the defence committee.

"You dumbed down the problem of sexual harassment in the military," said Conservative MP Cheryl Gallant.

"You're dumbing down the position of chief of defence staff."

Lawson said he made the comment in an effort to answer a question about how sexual harassment was still a societal problem in 2015, not just in the military but everywhere.

"It was unhelpful conjecture on my part as to what might motivate someone in a heinous way to believe that they can press themselves on someone else," he said. "It was not helpful and it is for that reason I apologized."

But critics say his remarks spoke volumes about how far the military has to go in order to follow up on a report issued in April found a highly sexualized culture in the military that confronts women virtually as soon as they enlist and persists as they try to move up the ranks.

"If only the problem were as simple as the departure of one general who said something that was totally wrong," said NDP Leader Tom Mulcair.

"The real problem is that no one is working for a change in the culture in the military on the issue of sexual harassment."

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Defence Minister Jason Kenney and Gen. Tom Lawson at the defence committee Wednesday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Border security target on line

TRACKING

Feds may miss deadline for anti-terrorism system delivery

The Conservative government appears set to miss another target date for delivering a border tracking system that could stop homegrown terrorists from joining battles overseas.

And with just days left in the parliamentary calendar before a fall election, it is unclear when — or even if — the necessary legislative and regulatory changes will come.

Under the Canada-U.S. perimeter security pact, the federal government committed to begin collecting records of people leaving Canada on international flights as of June 30, 2014.

It missed that deadline and would not reveal a new date, saying only that information would be provided in due course.

However, a newly obtained internal briefing note shows

federal agencies were eyeing October of this year for completion of the project. The heavily censored May 2014 note, prepared for Citizenship and Immigration Canada's deputy minister, was released under the Access to Information Act.

It now seems the government will almost certainly miss the revised implementation date, as the required legal and administrative changes remain to be done.

The House of Commons is expected to rise shortly and return some time after a fall general election.

The Canada Border Services Agency, which is leading the project, continues to consult with the federal privacy commissioner, partners and other interested parties on the initiative, said Pierre Deveau, a border-agency spokesman.

A final assessment of the project's implications for the personal information of Canadians will be delivered to the privacy commissioner once the required legislation receives royal assent, "but consultations continue throughout the process," he said.



Canadian border guards replace one another at an inspection booth at the Douglas crossing on the Canada-U.S. border in Surrey, B.C., in 2009. The Conservative government appears set to miss another target date for delivering a border tracking system that could stop homegrown terrorists from joining battles overseas. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A federal report published last year said the government knew of more than 130 individuals with Canadian connections who were abroad and suspected of supporting terror-related activities. It said the government was aware of about 80 such people who had

returned to Canada.

A border-services agency briefing note, released previously under the access law, says information from the planned border tracking system could be provided to the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Deveau said Canada and the United States "remain dedicated to the full implementation" of the project.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to questions.

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+ BACKGROUND

Expanded program could serve everyday purposes

Citizenship and Immigration says entry and exit information will provide hard data on an individual's presence in — or absence from — Canada. It plans to use the data in programs where residency and travel history are key, including permanent-resident card renewals, grants of citizenship, temporary and permanent resident applications and investigations into eligibility to hold a Canadian travel document.

Currently, the tracking system involves exchanging entry information collected at the Canada-U.S. land border. The data on entry to one country serves as a record of exit from the other. The first two phases of the program have been limited to foreign nationals and permanent residents of the countries, but not citizens of either. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RAMADAN MUSLIMS MARK START OF HOLY MONTH WITH FASTING AND PRAYERS

Palestinians walk near a traditional Ramadan lantern on Wednesday in Jebaliya refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip. Muslims around the world will mark the start of Ramadan on Thursday, or later in some countries, for a month of intense prayer, dawn-to-dusk fasting and nightly feasts. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

165 pardoned ahead of holiday

Egypt's president issued a decree pardoning 165 people on Wednesday, mostly youths convicted of breaking protest laws and misdemeanours ahead of the holy month of Ramadan.

Many of the pardons issued by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi were to university students, some jailed under a draconian law that heavily punishes demonstrations staged without police permits.

The move comes amid a state-orchestrated campaign to silence dissent, where courts dispense stiff sentences against both Islamists and secular-minded

activists over charges mostly related to violence. Pardons during national and religious holidays are a tradition in Egypt.

Rights groups say many of the people were sentenced over the past two years to around three to four years of imprisonment, and that some were arrested at home or on the sidelines of protests in which they were not participating.

"It's not just the new protest law at work here, there's also a poor judiciary and lack of a credible investigative process, and some are being charged under

another 100-year-old law limiting even small assemblies," said Mohammed Zaree of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies.

The protest measure became law after the el-Sissi-led military's ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in July 2013, part of a sweeping crackdown against his supporters and other dissidents.

The clampdown, which left hundreds dead and thousands in prison, some without charges, has sparked a radical backlash and attacks against security forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Runaway tiger mauls civilian

GEORGIA

Man dead after predator escapes zoo during floods

A tiger that broke loose after severe flooding at the Tbilisi Zoo mauled a man to death in the Georgian capital before being shot by police Wednesday, a day after officials said all the zoo's tigers had died.

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze acknowledged he was to blame for releasing faulty information. He said new counts indicated a tiger cub and a hyena could still be on the loose. The city has

remained on edge, with runaway predators reportedly seen by some residents.

The Interior Ministry in the former Soviet republic said the tiger was hiding in an abandoned factory that had been turned into a construction market when he attacked the man. The victim, who worked in the market, later died of his wounds at a hospital.

"We entered the depot and, suddenly, a white tiger rushed out of an adjacent room and attacked one of the workers, jumping at his throat and mauling him," colleague Alexander Shavbulashvili told The Associated Press.

"We broke the window of another room to flee, and the sound of breaking glass must

have scared it and it ran away." Police commandos rushed to the site and killed the tiger.

The zoo administration had said Tuesday that eight lions, all its seven tigers and at least two of its three jaguars and 12 of its 14 bears were killed in the flooding.

Georgia's Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili criticized zoo officials for providing false information and ordered the interior minister to personally oversee the count of how many animals have died and how many remain missing.

After the premier's statement, the zoo director acknowledged he was to blame for the misinformation.

On Tuesday evening, several hundred demonstrators gathered outside the main government building in Tbilisi in support of the zoo director and to protest what they suspect is a government attempt to pin all the blame on him.

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We had wrong information that there were no predators outside the zoo ... I take full responsibility for that.

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze

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'It felt like a big fish': Shark victim

NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. teen lost his arm in one of two attacks on Sunday

Hunter Treschl and his cousin were "playing around in the waves" at a North Carolina beach when he felt something bump into his left calf.

"I thought it felt like a big fish, and I started moving away," Treschl said in a video released Tuesday night by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

"And then the shark bit my arm—off."

The 16-year-old from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was one of two young people attacked by sharks in North Carolina on Sunday. Both he and 12-year-old Kiersten Yow of Asheboro survived, but with serious injuries.

Treschl's left arm was amputated below the shoulder, ac-

cording to information released by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he is being treated.

He was in good condition Tuesday, hospital spokeswoman Martha Harlan said.

A little more than an hour before Treschl was attacked and about two miles away, Yow lost her left arm below the elbow and was injured in the leg.

Authorities do not know if they were attacked by the same shark.

Yow was in stable condition Tuesday at N.C. Children's Hospital at the University of North Carolina, according to a statement from her parents, Brian and Laurie Yow.

"She has a long road to recovery that will include surgeries and rehabilitation, but her doctors at UNC expect she will keep her leg, and for that we are grateful," they said, appealing for time to deal with the trauma privately.

Immediately after he felt

the shark rip his arm off, Treschl said he was able to make it back onto the beach at Oak Island with the help of his cousin.

He said another teen had a belt that he used as a tourniquet to stop the bleeding, while others "were all helping me kind of stay calm until the ambulance got there."

Asked if he ever saw the shark, Treschl said he felt it first.

"We were just playing around in the waves, and I felt a hit on my left calf," he said in the video.

"That was the first time I saw it, when it was biting up my left arm."

The paramedics said they were stunned by two serious shark calls coming so close together in just one day.

Treschl said he is grateful for the help and support he received from other bystanders on the beach, the paramedics and doctors and people who have been sending him well wishes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Hunter Treschl, 16, of Colorado Springs, during an interview in hospital in Wilmington, N.C. "I started moving away. And then the shark bit my arm off." NEW HANOVER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER/AP

PUBLIC SAFETY

Shark population up in U.S.

Federal wildlife protections are helping sharks rebound, but they aren't the sole reason for the uptick in encounters between sharks and humans. Expanding human populations

and growing use of beaches are major factors too, scientists say.

Recent shark attacks in North Carolina and Florida have made headlines as the summer beach-going season

gets into gear. The number of shark attacks has grown in every decade since the 1970s.

Researchers say this decade is almost certain to set a record for attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TRAVEL

Global airline group hoped to impose new size restrictions

A global airline association said Wednesday that it was scrapping its recommendation to reduce the size of carry-on bags for air travellers after an "intense" response in North America.

The International Air Transportation Association (IATA), a Montreal-headquartered trade group whose members represent nearly 85 per cent of total air traffic, said it is cancelling its proposal after "significant concerns" were raised in North America.

"This is clearly an issue that is close to the heart of travellers. We need to get it right," IATA senior vice president Tom

Windmuller said.

The group recommended last week that airlines require carry-on bags to be 20 per cent smaller than what major U.S. carriers currently permit, saying that would allow for more space.

Two U.S. senators criticized the idea, saying it would require passengers to pay more and buy new luggage. A top U.S. airline group that includes the world's three largest air carriers — American, Delta and United — also formally came out against the proposal.

The current maximum carry-on size, depending on the airline, ranges from a length of 56 to 60 centimetres, a width of about 36 to 46 centimetres and a depth of 23 to 41 centimetres.

The airline groups suggested standardizing the permitted carry-on size to 55 by 34 centimetres and a depth of 19 centimetres.

IATA insisted that was merely

a recommendation, not a requirement, as each airline decides the maximum size of carry-on luggage on its own.

When announcing the recommendation the group had said the smaller size would help avert the problem that travellers commonly face when a plane cabin runs out of storage space by the time all the passengers board.

Many international airlines already have agreed to adopt the proposed policy, including Air China, Azul, Pacific, China Southern, Emirates, Lufthansa and Qatar.

But Delta Air Lines came out against the proposal earlier this week.

"Delta has no plans to reduce the size allowance for carry-on bags, and we are concerned IATA called for a change without input from airlines," the Atlanta-based airline said in a statement Tuesday.

"Our focus and investment in the carry-on experience have been on installation of larger bins on domestic and international aircraft, and will continue to be on delivering the reliable bag service."

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Tom Windmuller, senior vice president at IATA, holds up an example of the group's ideal size for passenger carry-on bags during the organization's annual general meeting in June.

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Tom Windmuller, IATA senior vice president

FOOD SERVICE

Starbucks to close La Boulange cafes

Starbucks will close all of its La Boulange cafes by the end of September.

It bought the bakery chain in 2012 to address customer complaints about an uninspiring menu.

The company said there has been strong growth in food sales since the \$100 million acquisition three years ago, but that running the 23 La Boulange restaurants, which are mostly found in San Francisco, is no

longer sustainable.

Starbucks will also shutter two manufacturing plants that supplied La Boulange and an Evolution Fresh retail store in San Francisco.

La Boulange food will still be available at Starbucks in the U.S. and Canada.

Shares of Starbucks Corp. reached an all-time high of \$53.14 on Tuesday and edged higher before the opening bell Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Although Starbucks announced the closure of its 23 bakeries, La Boulange treats will still be available at Starbucks locations across the U.S. and Canada. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



IN BRIEF

Botox-maker purchases U.S. pharmaceutical firm

Botox maker Allergan Plc. is buying Kythera Biopharmaceuticals for about \$2.1 billion, adding an injection that reduces "double chin" to its portfolio of products.

The Dublin drugmaker will pay \$75 per share in a cash-and-stock deal for Kythera, based in Westlake Village, California. The deal marks a 25.5 per cent premium over Kythera's closing stock price Tuesday.

Kythera Biopharmaceuticals Inc. is preparing to launch its double chin treatment Kybella in the U.S., and the company is seeking approval in foreign markets.

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SMALL BUSINESS

When two card lovers meet over Instagram, joy follows



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Some people bite their nails. Others play Candy Crush. Andrea Raymond-Wong's habit is writing letters.

She curls up on her couch for up to an hour each night, putting pen to paper on stationery collected from all over the world.

She's been doing it for 533 days straight. No cheats, unless you exclude postcards.

She estimates she's written to about 100 different people.

Growing up, she moved from Vancouver to Hong Kong to Scarborough, and maintained friendships through snail mail.

"It's just happy to come home to get something in your mailbox, and something that's not a bill ... You know somebody took the time, that they spent time thinking of you."

It started with a Brooklyn-based card company's challenge to write handwritten letters for 60 consecutive days beginning Jan. 1, 2014. A few writers challenged each other to continue for the full year, but to Raymond-Wong's knowledge she's the only one who made it.

Letter writers, like all other cadres of society, find each other over social media. Raymond-Wong documented her letter-writing adventure in intricately laid-out Instagram posts (tagged #365daysofletterwriting) and some of her followers asked whether she'd be interested in



Andrea Raymond-Wong, co-founder of Q&A Letterbox, writes a letter on stationery created by Toronto designer Jonesy. Right, images from Raymond-Wong's #365daysofletterwriting posted to Instagram. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO; COURTESY ANDREA RAYMOND-WONG

corresponding. Like pen pals. "I have to do this for 365 days so I thought sure, why not?" she says.

One exchange she maintains is with a German woman in her mid-20s living as a nanny for a family in Sweden. For her cor-

respondent it's a way to share stories while being away from family; for Raymond-Wong it's a personal way of learning about other people's lives and cultures.

"It's almost easier to connect with strangers than people around you."

It's the anonymity but also the quality of putting pen to paper that prompts you to share.

Andrea Raymond-Wong



+ PRO TIPS

How take your letters to the next level:

Decorate envelopes using washi tape, twine

Try your hand at quill pens at TFPO

Explore local stationery options at pop-ups throughout the city

Try Japanese Muji pens, now available in Toronto

Sign up for Postcrossing to get postcards from all over the world

Include clippings from newspapers, magazines, play programs, etc. in your mail

To connect with a pen pal, consider joining the Letter Writers Alliance

a "goodie" (like decorative washi tape). One month costs \$15, three costs \$40, and a year costs \$150, plus shipping.

The pair work daily towards fulfilling their slogan, "Spreading love, one mailbox at a time."

"People freak out over a card in the mail," Best says, laughing.

"It's like the best thing ever."

And when will Raymond-Wong stop writing her letters? Probably not any time soon. "I just enjoy it so thoroughly."

The Paper Fair takes place tonight, June 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Toronto's First Post Office (260 Adelaide St. E.) Entrance is free

HERITAGE

Historic post office banking on letter-writing trend



The facade of Toronto's First Post Office. CONTRIBUTED

"The Belgians write with a quill pen like nobody's business," says Janet Walters, museum director at Toronto's First Post Office.

TFPO is a museum, a gift shop and an operating post office that offers quill pens, wax seals and hand-cancelled postage to customers.

Walters says they get locals, German and Belgian tourists, brides, and Asian women in their mid-20s. And that's not enough.

It's news to few that Canada's postal service is not faring well against the tidal wave of electronization.

"We live hand-to-mouth here."

The museum is neither city operated nor Canada-Post run, and entry is free (by donation).

Instead, it's an "orphan museum" run by a historical society. "And we have to make pretty much all our own money."

The country's first purpose-built post office has faced tough times before. Oblivion, specifically. After being boarded up due to a major fire, developer Sheldon Godfrey bought the land. When his wife noticed the site resembled a watercolour she owned of the 1833-built post office, the couple preserved it. It opened to the public in 1983.

Today the museum includes temporary and permanent exhibits, including a model of 1837 Town of York and a display on the Royal Mail System.

In an effort to reboot, TFPO is looking to redirect sales in their gift shop away from plunging book sales and toward stationary. "We're looking to connect with the letter-writing community," Walters says, explaining that big retailers have moved away from stationary despite a deeply engaged niche market.

To that end, TFPO is hosting its first Paper Fair today. The event will bring together an array of vendors with an ap-

+ TFPO EVENTS

- The PALSAC letter-writing club meets at TFPO next Sunday.
- TFPO is also participating in Luminato with a Post-a-Letter in the park event on June 26, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at David Pecaut Square.

preciation for handmade, for stationary and for local art. Essentially, nice paper with pretty things on it.

Walters says the event will expose staff to local makers while also assessing custom-

ers' interest in the products.

"We'd like everyone in Toronto to mail something," says Walters, perhaps only half-jokingly.

"No one communicates anymore," she laments. "Everyone just messages."

Among tonight's vendors will be Q&A Letterbox with their card subscription service; vintage-y postcards from CanadianCultureThing; hand-bound books from Sprouts Press Designs; and book signing with author Christina Crook (The Joy of Missing Out).

For the full listing, find TFPO's Paper Fair on Facebook.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON ELECTORAL REFORM



“For the first time, two of Canada’s three main national parties are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system.”

The Liberal conversion to electoral reform is both a reflection of the party’s diminished circumstances in the House of Commons and — potentially — a watershed moment in Canadian electoral politics.

For the first time, two of Canada’s three main national parties — the NDP and the Liberals — are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system to conduct federal elections.

They may not agree on the fine print. The New Democrats have long championed a mixed proportional system and the Liberals tend to be partial to a preferential ballot. But they are on the same general page.

On Tuesday, Justin Trudeau pledged to introduce a new voting system in time for the 2019 election.

The New Democrats have advocated a more proportional voting regimen for decades.

With the Green party on side, the blocks of a large parliamentary consensus on electoral reform are falling into place.

It took a change of heart on the Liberals’ part to bring that about.

Such a change would have been unthinkable back when the party, under Jean Chrétien, was riding high and reaping the benefits of the first-past-the-post system against a divided right.

Even after they lost power to Stephen Harper’s Conservatives a decade ago, the Liberals continued to believe that the normal swing of the pendulum would inevitably see them back in power.

Three lost elections later,

they are at least as likely to remain in third place as to form a government this fall.

Implicit in the party’s shift on electoral reform is a Liberal admission that the NDP’s competitive position is not a mere blip but rather a feature that it will have to adapt to.

In a three-way battle, the current winner-take-all system favours the Conservatives.

That conclusion is only belatedly dawning on Trudeau’s party.

It has been more than three decades since the Liberals last won a governing majority against a united Conservative party.

Even with the wind in their backs, the New Democrats would also be hard-pressed to eke out a majority in October.

Win or lose next fall, electoral reform may offer both parties the best alternative to a merger at some point down the line, and — more importantly in the big picture for each of them — their best shot at

preventing the Conservatives from becoming Canada’s de facto governing party.

Trudeau’s democratic reform package may not do much to turn the tide in his favour. Paul Martin and Michael Ignatieff tried and failed to impress voters with measures to fix the so-called democratic deficit in Parliament.

The excitement that electoral reform inspires among voters tends to be inversely proportional to the hype that surrounds the issue within the chattering class.

In the provinces where a plan for a different system was put to voters, the status quo prevailed.

But the expanding common ground between the opposition parties on electoral reform should be cause for concern for the Conservatives.

They would — at least initially — be the losers of a switch to a different electoral system. The division in the opposition vote has long been a key ingredient of their election victories.

In a three-way battle, the current winner-takes-all system favours the Conservatives.

It allowed Brian Mulroney to win a second majority mandate and the 1988 free trade battle.

Under Stephen Harper, a divided opposition vote has become even more essential to Conservative fortunes.

He is about to lead the party in his fourth election campaign as the incumbent with a persistent shortfall in support and precious little room to grow.

In a preferential voting system — where the second and third choices of voters are applied in each riding until a candidate reaches 50 per cent plus one — Harper’s re-election bid would be dead on arrival.

Alternatively, under a mixed proportional system, securing a majority government on a bit more than a third of the votes cast would become a thing of the past.

Coalition building would not come easily to the take-no-prisoner party that Harper has rebuilt in his image.

Should the NDP or the Liberals or a combination of both prevail next fall, they would have a common interest in following up on electoral reform.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The world’s believers have a moral duty to care for the earth

Pope Francis is donning a Captain Planet image — the environmental superhero taking pollution down (if not to zero).

In his most highly anticipated papal teaching to date, the Pope will today call on the world — not just Catholics like me — to act now to avoid “unprecedented destruction of the ecosystem,” based in part on a moral obligation to care for God’s creation.

It’s a claim that won’t make him any friends among the faithful who either don’t believe in climate change, or don’t buy into such a moral obligation. And for those in the environmental movement, it may seem criminally late in coming.

But Francis is far from the first — and far from alone — in arguing the environmental implications of faith.

The Dalai Lama tweeted this week that we need to “develop a sense of the oneness of humanity” in the face of climate change and global economic woes. More than 300 rabbis have signed a letter arguing for “a world of shared, sustainable abundance — eco-social justice.”

“The concept of stewardship on Earth is a shared belief” of all faiths, an imam with the Islamic Society of North America recently told Time magazine.

At the Forum on Reli-

gion and Ecology at Yale, co-founder John Grim and others have spent two decades retrieving the ecological teaching of the world’s religions — from Hinduism to indigenous faiths — and interpreting them for today.

Grim sees this as a pivotal moment — the first time a pope has been this pointed on the environment. It could even spur an interfaith environmental movement, he mused (despite inevitable pushback from the Jeb Bushes of the world).

Francis chose to be named after Francis of Assisi — known as the patron saint of ecology and revered for his love for nature and animals.

We may deem it radical for the Pope to say, as he does in a leaked draft, that the earth “is protesting for the wrong that we are doing to her, because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods that God has placed on her” — but that only shows how leaders and followers alike have ignored teachings inherent in our faith.

“The separation between religion and science has been so strong,” Grim noted.

And it’s well past time that ended.

We — the world’s six billion or so believers — are natural allies of the environmental movement. Time to take Francis’ lead, and act like it.

THE MICROTREND: The trouble with spring break



Spring: the season for birds chirping, flowers blooming and ... teen pregnancy? **A five-year study of 838 pregnant teens** at an Ontario hospital found a “persistent” increase in conceptions every March. March break shenanigans are the obvious culprit, but one of the researchers says teenagers who couple up early in the school year are getting “serious” by spring. Adults, on the other hand, most often get pregnant in December — a testament to the power of egg nog and holiday cheer.

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3 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT LOVE FROM AZIZ ANSARI



DATING

'Stud mentality' among guys on Tinder horrifies the comedian

Lakshmi Gandhi
Metro in New York

Fans who have closely followed former Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari's stand-up career have surely noticed that the comic has taken a serious turn in recent years. Gone are the cute stories about his cousins and the monologues on basic cable dramas.

Instead, the 32-year-old NYU grad has been focused on deeper questions: What is

love? Is there such thing as a soulmate? And, most important of all, why hasn't he or she texted me back?

Co-written with sociology professor Eric Klinenberg, *Modern Romance* explores all of those questions and more, in an extensively researched journey that took the pair around the world as they assessed different dating profiles and wacky online dating messages. (Note to all of the guys out there, first messages that simply say "Yo" or "Hey" aren't particularly well received.)

We've rounded up the

Aziz Ansari *Modern Romance*



top three lessons we learned from Ansari's travels.

Too many choices really are overwhelming

Unlike a crowded bar, "online there are no lonely corners," the comedian writes. "Everywhere is filled with people looking to connect." Despite that, daters everywhere are constantly rejecting people.

The comedian memorably sits down with a twenty-

something named Derek who, he notes, "isn't unattractive... but wouldn't necessarily turn heads at a party." Ansari then watches in horror as Derek swipes no on several attractive, interesting women who had messaged him online. "He didn't strike me as a stud," he adds, "but wow, when you watched him comb through those profiles, he had a stud mentality."

Remember the person on the other end is a person

Because so much of the modern search for romantic partners occurs on our phones, it's easy to forget you are talking to a person with feelings.

Ansari is disturbed by how easy it is to completely dismiss someone—especially now as breaking up via text becomes increasingly more common.

The quality of your dates is more important than the quantity

Back when Ansari was single in New York a few years ago, he had something of a revelation when it came to his single status. He and his friends "were consistently choosing to meet as many people as possible instead of investing in a relationship." Because this method obviously wasn't working for him, he decided to revise his approach to looking for love.

"What I found was that a first date that was a six was usually an eight on a second date," he writes. "I knew the person better and we kept building a good rapport together."

The lesson here? Maybe next time give that nice guy or girl you met online a second chance. It could change the course of your love life.



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Two of the books in the series **OMG Shakespeare**, by Brett Wright and Courtney Carbone. CONTRIBUTED



Brevity the soul of wit?

OMG SHAKESPEARE Book series re-tells the classics with Internet lingo

A set of books that convey the classic tales of Shakespeare via emoji-laden texts and social media updates has been

drawing a strong response in recent days.

OMG Shakespeare from Random House Books for Young Readers includes two newly released titles — srsly Hamlet and YOLO Juliet — plus two others due out in early January — Macbeth #killingit and A Midsummer Night #nofilter.

An excerpt from srsly Hamlet reads:

• Ophelia has updated her relationship status from 'In a relationship' to 'It's complicated.'

• Claudius has posted 11 new photos to the album: Here We Go a-Wassailing! — with Queen Gertrude and 10 others.

• Queen Gertrude likes this.

• Hamlet: 'It's almost midnight. LET'S DO THIS. #FOMO'

The stories, described as "the perfect gift for hip theatre lovers and teens," have been adapted by Courtney Carbone and Brett Wright, both children's book editors. And

while the concept will no doubt appeal to some, feedback has been mitigated at best.

The Gawker Review of Books reacts, "To paraphrase the beloved poet and playwright: [inserts five smiling poop emoji]," while a much re-tweeted comment from popular Twitter user @FreddyAmazon reads, "Never wanted to burn a book before."

A recent review on Amazon of YOLO Juliet, on the other hand, gives the title five stars and says, "the definition of a well-done parody!"

srsly Hamlet and YOLO Juliet are out now in hardcover or ebook form. Look for Macbeth #killingit and A Midsummer Night #nofilter on Jan. 5. AFP

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He thinks he's hardened because he watches Quentin Tarantino, but he's completely useless in that situation.

On Harmless's central character, Joseph



James Grainger's new novel centres on 40-something former party kids faced with a tragic situation. HANDOUT

FICTION

Literary thriller features search for two missing daughters — but no action heroes

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



If you're reminded of Liam Neeson's reluctant everyman heroics while reading James Grainger's new novel *Harmless*, that's no accident. Published by McClelland & Stewart, the literary thriller leads readers into familiar cinematic territory before twisting the story into a kneecapping critique of masculinity.

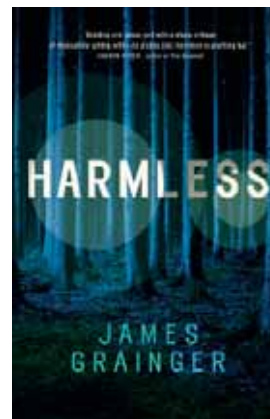
Seven years in the writing, *Harmless* grew out of a short story featuring similar characters from Grainger's earlier work. He kept returning to “a certain generation who are stuck in life. Typical Gen-Xers; very ironic and self-deprecating,

living with reduced expectations about income and life in general.”

But the Toronto author was tired of writing about people who are all talk — he was ready for his characters to finally take action over their lives. Grainger knew his novel would take place at a reunion of old friends — former party kids, many of whom hadn't completely abandoned their youthful hedonism, despite now being 40-something parents.

So Grainger asked himself, “What would have to happen to these people to unstuck them? It would have to be something really terrible.” The worst thing he could think of? Have their children vanish.

Inspired, Grainger constructed a plot outline, something he had never done before. Set tautly over a day and night, *Harmless* follows Joseph, a self-absorbed divorced arts columnist, who arrives sweating out alcohol for a family weekend away with his teenage daughter, Franny, at a farm owned by his former lover, Jane, and her husband, Alex, whose earthy confidence sets him up as the foil to



of movies,” says Grainger, who employed strict screenwriting “beats” to the plot.

“I thought it would be fun and terrifying to put the main character in the middle of a tragedy and have him realize that he's seen this tragedy in hundreds of movies.”

Although the men encounter coyotes, destroy a porn shack with father-like vengeance, and track down a drug grow-op protected by men hardwired to protect their investment at any cost, Joseph never transforms into an action star.

“In film, there is the promised relief of the terror or tension that the hero is going to discover within his or herself these reserves of morality, which will then translate to physical strength. But if you can't fight, you can't fight,” says Grainger.

“We've seen thousands of hours of violence and Joseph hasn't been in a fight since he was like 19. He thinks he's hardened because he watches Quentin Tarantino, but he's completely useless in that situation, as most people would be. I know I would be.”

Joseph's navel-gazing anxiety.

While the adults party — which leads to a major “anvil drop” in the story — Franny goes missing along with Alex's daughter, Rebecca, which sets the two men off into the surrounding woods.

“As I was writing, I thought, ‘This is what always happens halfway through a thriller or horror movie.’ And I realized the characters would be thinking that too because they would have seen literally thousands

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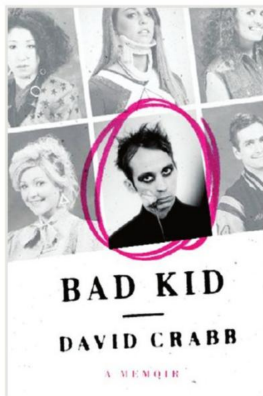
BOOKS TO READ DURING PRIDE WEEK

Just in time for Toronto Pride Week — which starts tomorrow — are three new books, all giving a real glimpse of what it means to come to terms with coming out. From two humorous (yet poignant) true stories, to one Young Adult book that will make you tear up, all three deserve your attention. **EMILY LAURENCE/METRO NEW YORK**

Bad Kid, David Crabb

This coming of age memoir truly captures the confusion and awkwardness of adolescence.

From the moment he realized he was gay (while listening to George Michael's Faith, of course) to joining a clique of misfits who listen to The Smiths and Joy Division, David Crabb's high school experience sounds (mostly) hellish, but he writes about it in a way that's both candid and humorous. He takes readers on a wild ride as he experiments with sex and drugs, all with a '90s backdrop.

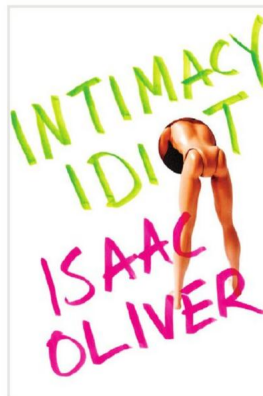


Intimacy Idiot, Isaac Oliver

You may or may not already be familiar with Isaac Oliver's off-Broadway show Intimacy Idiot, which has been performed at New York City's Ars Nova on and off for the past three years.

The book takes his hilarious stories about being a single gay man living in the city to the masses.

From Grindr hookups gone wrong to hooking up with a man dressed as a dolphin, you'll be happy to be just the audience and not in his place.



More Happy Than Not, Adam Silvera

This YA novel has a powerful narrative that will make you cry, but also blow you away. Aaron Soto is a teen growing up in the Bronx. His family is struggling financially and his father committed suicide. That's on top of all the other typical teen fare, like friend drama and relationship problems.

When he meets Thomas, things change. Thomas is the only person who seems to get him. But when Aaron realizes he likes Thomas as more than a friend, he has to deal with a whole new set of problems.



BOOK BRIEFS

Emma Donoghue writing book for middle graders

Room novelist Emma Donoghue is the latest popular author to join the thriving young adult genre.

Donoghue's first book for middle graders, The Lottery Plus One, will be published in 2017, Scholastic has announced. The novel centres on a large, unconventional family, the Lotterys, and the Victorian house they call Camelottery. Donoghue's Room was a bestseller and shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Crace wins the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award

The biggest financial prize in literature for a single novel published in the English language has been awarded to Jim Crace for his 11th work of fiction, Harvest. Harvest chronicles the final days of an English village. Now in its 20th year, nominees for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award are selected by public libraries in 39 countries from which a panel of judges select a recipient of the €100,000 prize. AFP

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STAND-UP

Judd Apatow reflects on life as a comedian in his new book

The comedy education of Judd Apatow began with unusual access to great comic minds, which he pried for straightforward instruction: How do you tell a joke?

Growing up on Long Island as a comedy nerd before there was such a thing (or many others like him), Apatow managed to land interviews with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno and Steve Allen; most of whom turned up expecting something other than a 15-year-old kid with a high school radio show.

It was a foundational beginning for what became a career that has done a lot to define comedy in the last 20 years — from The Larry Sanders Show to Freaky and Geeks, The Cable Guy and The 40 Year-Old Virgin.

In a new book, *Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy*, out this week, Apatow, 47, returns to those



Over 30 years in the making, Judd Apatow's *Sick in the Head* contains a collection of interviews with renowned comedians and comedy writers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

high-school interviews (he kept the tapes) to publish them, as well as add new, more recent talks with many others (Louis C.K., Jon Stewart, Chris Rock). Proceeds go to Dave Eggers' 826, which provides free tutoring and literacy programs to kids.

The conversations centre on comedy — where it comes from and how it work — but grow into more expansive and intimate reflections on life from some of the sharpest, most thoughtful minds around.

Here are excerpts from a recent Associated Press interview

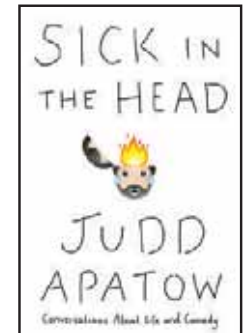
with Apatow:

On working with comedians
For me to sit in a restaurant talking to Steve Martin, it feels very otherworldly. I always wanted to be part of those groups of comedians, like Second City. I wasn't able

to join Saturday Night Live or Second City, but in my own way, I was able to create my own groups of funny people that worked together a lot.

On interviewing performers
I'm interested just in how people are surviving and trying to remain relevant as the decades go on. After success, what is the point of doing this? That's a lot of what (his 2009 film) *Funny People* is about. It's such a strange job. You work very hard to be given the opportunity to tell jokes in front of people or make movies. But when you've done it for a while and the newness of it wears off, you are left with just one question: What do I want to say?

On returning to stand-up
While I was working on (the upcoming comedy) *Trainwreck*, Amy Schumer was having so much fun doing stand-up comedy and I got jealous. I thought: "Why did I stop doing that?" One of the reasons was because I was so young. I did it between ages 17 and 24. I didn't have



that much life experience to draw on and I wasn't the most innovative comedian ... I wanted to do something in comedy that was immediate and fun and also much lower stakes.

On how to tell a joke
It's so funny because you do have to figure out your world view and your attitude. Gary Shandling was there one night and he said: "You're always at your funniest when you don't look like you're trying to be a comedian. When you're yourself, it works best." So I try to remember that. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The science of feel-in good

YOUTUBE

Watching cat videos dispels negative emotions

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Grumpy Cat's YouTube channel has garnered over 31 million views. GETTY IMAGES

Tell your boss there's feline-ally evidence that suggests watching cat videos has a paws-itive effect on your health and productivity.

In a survey of nearly 7,000 cat clip enthusiasts, a study out of the Indiana University at Bloomington, home of Internet cat Lil Bub, found episodes of kitty high jinks gave viewers an energy kick while replacing negative emotions with positive ones.

"Some people may think watching online cat videos isn't a serious enough topic for academic research," said study lead Jessica Gall Myrick. "But the fact is that it's one of the most popular uses of the Internet today."

"If we want to better under-

stand the effects the Internet may have on us ... then researchers can't ignore Internet cats anymore."

More than two million cat videos were posted to YouTube in 2014 alone, racking up more than 26 billion views — the highest per-video viewership of any CATEGORY on the site.

Participants told researchers that watching cat videos left them feeling more energetic, sending sour feelings like anxiety and sadness scattering like startled birds.

Subjects also said the videos' heartening effects outweighed any guilt associated with procrastinating. "Even if they are watching cat videos on YouTube while they should be working, the emotional payoff may actually help people take on tough tasks afterward."

Myrick says her survey suggests we could all benefit from the “low-cost pet therapy” of cat videos.



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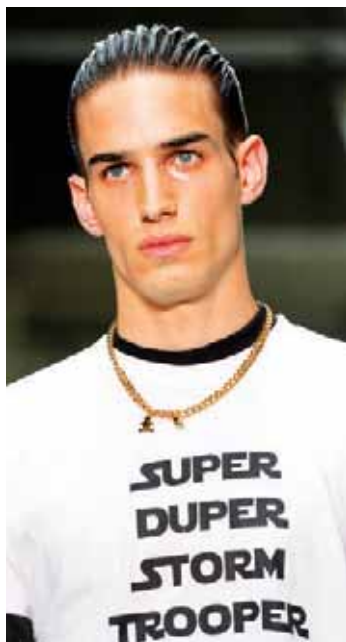
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3 GROOMING TRENDS MEN'S HAIRSTYLES ON THE RUNWAY

After four days of laying down next season's big trends, U.K. fashion exhibition London Collections: Men has finally closed up shop. There was plenty to talk about regarding the clothes, but what about the grooming? Here's a look at the hairstyles you'll be rocking next year, according to the catwalks AFF



SLICK HAIR

Wet behind the ears

Slicked back hair was big throughout the show. At Bobby Abley hair was slicked back so severely that audience members could see the track lines left by the brush — all the better to highlight the contrasting soft cartoonishness of the designs. Casely-Hayford went for a smoother look, but one that was slicked back off the face nonetheless. And Matthew Miller went for the sideways slick for a gentlemanly effect.



QUIFFS AND FRINGES

Pumping up the volume

The quiff was back in style at Katie Eary, where the bold clothes didn't overpower the models' groomed looks. The quiffs were worn high and voluminous, with the hair kept long in the back to emphasize the shape. The alternative was the sweeping side fringe, which was on show at James Long.



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Christopher Rae-burn went for the slightly wild, natural look when it came to the hair for his explorer-inspired presentation. YMC kept things very long, straight and polished, while Lou Dalton went for a naturally messy aesthetic for its Hacienda-themed collection, invoking the idea of a hedonistic night or morning.

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Nicole Kidman, right, goes in for a kiss with Naomi Watts at the 2015 Crystal + Lucy Awards. During her speech, Kidman explained the regret she felt after turning down an earlier role that required her to wear a shower cap and kiss a girl. CHARLEY GALLAY/GETTY IMAGES

Celebs push for more women in Hollywood

WOMEN IN FILM

Film industry professionals seek change in hiring tactics

The government has yet to respond to the American Civil Liberties Union's allegations of discrimination against female filmmakers, but Hollywood is certainly talking about it.

More than 1,700 industry professionals have signed a petition supporting the ACLU's call last month for a federal investigation into Hollywood hiring practices, ACLU attorney Melissa Goodman said Monday. Celebs are also discussing the issue on red carpets.

"Obviously we need to create more opportunities. It's not an even playing field," Nicole Kidman said Tuesday as she arrived at Women in Film's Crystal + Lucy Awards. "By having a dialogue, it helps."

Goodman agrees. While she's optimistic for a formal response, she's gratified by the informal one so far.

"We have been very excited by ... the conversations this has started," she said. "One of the most amazing things is just the sheer number of women who have spoken out about gender

tors to support its allegations of discrimination. The agencies are not obliged to respond, though the EEOC has investigated unfair treatment against women and other minorities in the entertainment industry before.

Actress Kate Mara suspects discrimination could be at play, based on her experiences.

tors of studio movies, and have for decades. One study shows women directed four per cent of top-grossing films over a 12-year period ending last year. Another puts the number around seven per cent for last year. But men and women attend film schools in equal numbers and are equally likely to have their work accepted at festivals.

Jill Soloway, creator of *Transparent*, is keenly aware of the challenges facing female directors in Hollywood, and she gets why men keep hiring men, but she only recently considered it might be a crime.

"We all write and create things that make us feel safe, so straight white males are naturally going to write things that make them the hero, and they are naturally going to hire their friends who make it easier for them to tell stories about people like them. I used to actually believe that that wasn't illegal," she said at Tuesday's award ceremony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It is illegal to only tell stories about straight white men.

Transparent creator
Jill Soloway



bias they've experienced. I feel like it's so much more in the public consciousness, which is so important."

In letters to federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the ACLU cited statistical evidence from various studies and anecdotal accounts from more than 50 female direc-

"I've been acting for more than half my life and I could count on one hand the amount of female directors I've worked with – and I've worked with countless male directors," she said at the Women in Film event. "So I don't know. I really hope that changes."

Studies show women represent a tiny percentage of direc-

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New TV wives go the distance

THE ASTRONAUT WIVES CLUB

Following the lives of women left behind in the 1960s space race

Lisa Weidenfeld
For Metro

Apollo 13 and the HBO miniseries *From the Earth to the Moon* have given modern audiences a taste of what it was like to experience the space race in the '60s. Daring astronauts, clever problem-solving men on the ground, a race against the Soviets — it all makes for dramatic television. But there's another side to that time period: the women the astronauts left behind.

These wives were basically celebrities, and, for many people, represented a very public face of happy marriage. Of course, behind the scenes, the truth was a little different, and that's the story *The Astronaut Wives Club* seeks to tell. Joanna Garcia

Swisher stars as Betty Grissom, wife of Gus Grissom, and says despite the difference in era, she found some unexpected parallels to her own life.

How does Betty react to her husband going into space?

I think it's obviously terrifying, but it's important to remember these women were military wives. Betty had to see her husband off to war before and that certainly had its own set of stressors and fears attached to it. They were very strong and very capable of handling the unknown and being prepared for the worst.

Of all the wives, Betty does seem the most concerned about the danger.

Yeah, and I think that hopefully in watching the show, you can kind of understand why she has those intense feelings of doom. Without going into detail about why she has those feelings and that sort of thing, because we didn't really tell that side of the story, but definitely, she was very much follows her gut. She's very committed to the things she believes in.



Zoe Boyle, Erin Cummings, Odette Annable, Yvonne Strahovski, Azure Parsons and Joanna Garcia Swisher star in *The Astronaut Wives Club*, a 10-part ABC miniseries premiering tonight at 8 p.m. COURTESY ABC

The show also has a lot of period details, like the 1950s food all the wives were serving.

Oh god. I don't even know how people survived back then. They're all very authentic recipes. Betty was a lover of creative foods. So I always looked forward to shooting launch parties

or get-togethers because I was always interested to see what Betty would bring to the table. It was always going to be interesting and creative. I can't believe people ate like that.

As someone who's been a professional actress for a long time, did you feel a

sense of identification with Betty's experience with the press and fame?

It's funny, because I think that this day and age we're a little bit desensitized to the media and the idea of becoming an instant overnight success. It's something that happens a lot with reality television and

the different lives we follow. We follow so many different lives from different walks of life. So I think the shock value wasn't so much there for me because everything happened so gradually for me in my career. But for these women, there wasn't any frame of reference, you know?



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Beastie Boys win legal fees



Adam Yauch, who died in 2012, is shown performing with Mike Diamond and Adam Horowitz in 2004. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES FILE

LICENSING

Monster is on the line to cover costs after losing lawsuit

The maker of the Monster Energy drink must pay \$668,000 of the Beastie Boys' legal fees after the rappers chose to win at all costs in their copyright violation trial, a decision that resulted in a \$1.7 million jury verdict in their favour, a judge says.

U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer wrote in a ruling Monday that his review of the band's legal bills

suggests that the "Beastie Boys opted to pay for, and received, the Cadillac Escalade, not the Honda Civic" of legal representation. He said his attorney fee award fell short of the \$2.4 million sought from Monster, but was still enough for the band to come out ahead by more than \$532,000 above its reasonable costs.

Last June, the Beastie Boys won their verdict from a federal jury weighing the value of five songs used by Monster without authorization in a video.

Engelmayer wrote that the lawsuit brought by two surviving Beastie Boys and the wife of deceased band member Adam

"MCA" Yauch resulted in a hard-fought legal match.

"Monster's commercial exploitation of the band's music and songs, and what the Beastie Boys perceived as Monster's crass misappropriation of the name of the recently deceased Yauch in its video promoting its energy drinks, appeared to have deeply offended plaintiffs."

Yauch died of cancer in May 2012 at age 47. The judge said Beastie Boys' band members Adam Horowitz and Michael Diamond approached the case "with special zeal," testifying that as a matter of principle they have not licensed their music for product advertisements and would have turned down Monster if it had asked for permission.

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DATE NIGHT

Harry Styles and yet another model

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar

Ah, to be young, rich, famous and affably floppy-haired. Must be nice. Though Harry Styles spent much of the first half of this year romantically linked —by anonymous sources, at least —to Victoria's Secret model Nadine Leopold, he's

apparently now more interested in one of her colleagues. Fellow model Sara Sampaio (pictured) joined Styles for a dinner date in New York recently that allegedly turned into a slumber party. "She came over to his hotel. They grabbed dinner. Hugged and kissed goodbye," a remarkably Hemingway-esque source tells E! News.

"Then she came back and slept over. She left at 11 a.m. in the same clothes." Maybe she just really, really liked that outfit?



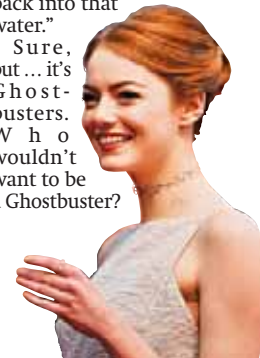
GHOSTBUSTERS

Who you gonna call? Not Emma

Emma Stone confesses to WSJ Magazine that she passed up the chance to be on the new all-female Ghostbusters team led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy. Excuse me?

"The script was really funny. It just didn't feel like the right time for me. A franchise is a big commitment — it's a whole thing," she says. "I think maybe I need a minute before I dive back into that water."

Sure, but ... it's Ghostbusters. Who wouldn't want to be a Ghostbuster?



JAMES BOND

All bets appear to be on Damian Lewis

Man, Daniel Craig must be getting tired of everyone always talking about when he's going to be done with playing James Bond.

First there was all that Idris Elba talk, now this: A British bookmaker says the best odds at the moment are on Homeland star Damian Lewis being tapped as the next 007, according to the Telegraph.

"Bets have been placed on him succeeding Daniel Craig. This is an unprecedented gamble, as for no apparent reason we have seen bets up to £200 on Damian Lewis being named as the next James Bond. This might well be significant," William Hill tells the newspaper.

"Damian Lewis hadn't seen interest in the betting until this weekend, but an absolute landslide in bets has forced us



Damian Lewis

to cut the odds." Sure, but if he gets the part does that mean all the films will be about whether or not we can really trust him?

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Live-work units gain ground

CONDOS

Freelancers, small firms can now feel right at home

CONDO TRENDS

Duncan McAllister

Freelancing has become the new normal. A recent landmark survey commissioned by the Freelancers Union and Elance-oDesk revealed that more than 53 million Americans are doing freelance work. That's a staggering 34 per cent of the entire U.S. workforce.

Those numbers ring true for Canada as well. More and more people are opting out of cubicle life and working from home. And why not? The commute is short, the coffee is always good and there are few distractions and time-consuming meetings.

It may seem like bliss, but it's not for everyone. Working from home requires a high degree of self-motivation. Parents endure the challenges of minding small children while trying to adhere to timelines and it can be an isolating experience for those not used to working alone. As well, not every business is suited to a home-based head office.

In the past, zoning laws and restrictive condo bylaws prevented small entrepreneurs from operating a legal business



Liberty Market Lofts zone the bedroom separately from the main living and work space. CONTRIBUTED

from home. As demand rises, attitudes change and builders are responding to the marketplace, offering purpose-built, live-work units. Popular with the technology and creative sectors, condos designated as live-work are perfect for a small office or computer-based business.

As Toronto experiences growth in the number of condos and towns catering to the work-at-home enterprise,

certain areas of the city have become known as hubs for live-work communities. Neighbourhoods such as the Fashion District and Carlaw Avenue are prime examples, and Liberty Village has always been a popular zone for work-at-home entrepreneurs—adjacent to one of the largest clusters of high-tech media and arts in the country.

In Toronto's west end, the Carnaby and 20 Gladstone con-

dos provide space for small retail and artists.

"The way the zoning works, it allows us to have things like galleries and other artists' components in the project," says Streetcar Developments spokesman Harley Nakelsky. "The reason that we call it live-work is because they would be able to have their gallery on the main floor and they would be able to live upstairs."

And in the West Don Lands,

the Canary District condos offer street-level townhomes designed with small businesses in mind.

"We've tried to tuck the kitchens off to a place where you can't see them when you first walk in the front door," says Dream Unlimited spokeswoman Krystal Koo. "It looks more businesslike and loft-style than it does as a traditional home when you walk into a grade-level townhome."

+ HOT SPOTS

Toronto live-work condo neighbourhoods

Liberty Village

The mid-rise Liberty Market Lofts include a business centre with meeting rooms, photocopier and computers.

Film District

The second-phase Flatiron Lofts with 153 units of commercial lofts are designed to be used for living or working.

South Riverdale

The Carlaw condos will offer 21, two-level, live-work townhouses.

Art and Design District

The TWENTY at 20 Gladstone and The Carnaby lofts will soon be part of the Queen West scene. Working spaces will be available along the sides of the buildings.

West Don Lands

The Canary District condos will offer townhomes along Mill Street that feature a street-level work area with second-floor living quarters.

West Queen West

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Project overview

Lanterra's latest downtown project has a sculptural design inspired by modern architect Alvar Aalto. The residential floors above the podium are designed as a series of terraces to make a graceful transition from an adjoining 1.6-acre park.

Building amenities

The condo features facilities at various levels, including a fitness centre, an indoor pool, cold plunge and hot tub, a spa facility with dry sauna, steam room and showers. There's a multi-purpose party room with kitchen facilities and an outdoor terrace with barbecue.

Location and transit

Situated near the intersection of Wellesley and Yonge, this bustling corner has a walk score of 100. Residents will have quick access to the Wellesley TTC subway station and it's a short drive to the Don Valley Parkway.

In the neighbourhood

There's lots to see and do along Yonge Street with bars, restaurants, shopping and theatres on offer. Nearby is Bloor Street and Yorkville, with the University of Toronto, Ryerson University, College Park and the Eaton Centre also within walking distance.



EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: 11 Wellesley
Builder: Lanterra Developments
Architects: KPMB Architects, Page + Steele/IBI Group Architects

Interiors: Munge Leung
Location: 11 Wellesley St. W., between Yonge and Bay
Building: A 60-storey tower with 739 suites
Sizes: 300 to 924 sq. ft.

Pricing: From \$245,900 to \$675,900
Suites: Studio, one bedroom, one bedroom plus den, two bedroom, two bedroom plus studio, two bedroom plus den

Status: Construction start
Occupancy: June 2018
Sales centre: 925 Bay St.
Info: 416-861-1111, 11wellesley.com, info@11wellesleycondos.com

BILD awards scholarships



When the catastrophic earthquake hit Haiti in 2010, it destroyed the university where Jose Junior Desravines was studying civil engineering.

Born and raised in Haiti, Jose's plan was to study hard and graduate with a degree. Without a school to attend, Jose decided to follow his parents and two sisters and immigrate to Canada.

After he arrived in Toronto in 2013, he learned about George Brown College's Angelo Del Zotto School of Construction Management and the School of Architectural Studies. There, he could complete a civil engineering technology diploma and even go on to complete a degree.

In April, at the close of his first of the three-year diploma program, Jose was awarded one of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) Scholarships.

"When I found out about the program I tried to earn a scholarship since it's very challenging to work and go to school and pay for it all," he told us. "I was very happy

and I really appreciate the scholarship because it helps a lot."

Jose is one of five students who received the BILD scholarship this year.

More than 25 years ago, the scholarship fund was first established through a Monarch Homes donation. In 2011, BILD committed \$100,000 over 10 years to the scholarship program. Every year, qualified students who demonstrate dedication and enthusiasm for the construction industry are recognized.

In Ontario's construction industry the aging population is creating challenges in the labour market, especially in the skilled trades. Fewer young people are entering the trades, so it's important we support those who do.

Collectively, the industry is building complete communities and helping to drive the provincial and local economies. In the GTA alone, the residential construction and renovation industry created more than 177,000 jobs and generated more than \$10 billion in wages in 2013.

BRYAN WW IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BUILDING INDUSTRY AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (BILD) AND A LAND-USE PLANNER WHO HAS WORKED FOR MUNICIPAL, REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS.

ADVICE

Garden decision lies with board

LEGAL MATTERS

Jeffrey Cowan



Q: I own a condo in a building that has some fairly extensive landscaping, which up until recently had been lovingly tended by one of our owners who has a superb green thumb. Recently, the board of directors decided to engage the services of a professional gardening firm with the end result being the gardens and landscaping have fallen into disrepair compared to what they used to look like. The board says it's saving us money but the neglected grounds will detract from the desirability of the property and have a negative effect on property values. What can I do?

A: Your board has the ability to make these types of decisions as mandated in the original documentation (declaration, bylaws, constituting documents). They are overall responsible for the running of the property. So, in the short term there is probably very little that can be done. However, you and your fellow owners have decision-making powers when it comes to the election of the board of directors and so come the next election, you may want to put yourself and other like-minded owners forward as candidates for the board. Essentially, this is a public-relations exercise and the more fellow owners you have on board, the more likely your landscaping will again be lovingly tended by the original green thumb.

REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market



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1 RICHMOND HILL

Grand opening: Esta Gardens Phase 2, a new pre-construction townhouse development by SiteLine Communities. Check it out at 9211 Bayview Ave. on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
CONTACT: 905-534-3782, ESTAGARDENS.COM

2 FASHION DISTRICT

Open house: Join Alex J. Wilson for an exclusive information session on turn-key real-estate investment at Minto Westside condominiums. Check out the presentation centre at 25 Bathurst St. on Saturday, from 12 to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: 416-996-5181, ALEXJWILSON.COM

3 BRAMPTON

Grand opening: A ribbon-cutting and spring barbecue event will be held at the Clairington condos. Visit the presentation centre at 9287 Goreway Dr. on Saturday, from 12 to 2 p.m.
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What they're a\$king

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Toronto

This west-end home at 40 Chryessa Ave. boasts many upgrades, such as a custom-designed kitchen with granite countertops, hardwood floors and crown moldings. There's also two new bathrooms, a new gas furnace, thermal windows, a stainless-steel fridge, stove, built-in dishwasher, finished basement with in-law suite with a separate entrance, laundry room and double-car garage. The house is close to transit, schools and parks. John Marques is a salesperson with Re/Max Ultimate Realty Brokerage, 416-656-3500.



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Ottawa

Here's a fully renovated home in the trendy downtown Hintonburg neighbourhood, near shops and rapid transit. Recent updates include a gas furnace, new windows, doors, and flooring, as well as the main roof. The home would be a good opportunity for first-time buyers to move into this hipster 'hood, says Kerry Milican, sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-290-2990.



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Halifax

This house north of downtown Halifax features bright, open rooms, an eat-in kitchen, large deck and backyard. There are hardwood floors, a powder room on the main level, and the master bedroom has a three-piece ensuite. The lower level has a rec room, laundry, and a garage with a small work area. The driveway has room for two cars. Listing agent is Sandy Rutledge from Domus Realty, 902-497-5500.



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Winnipeg

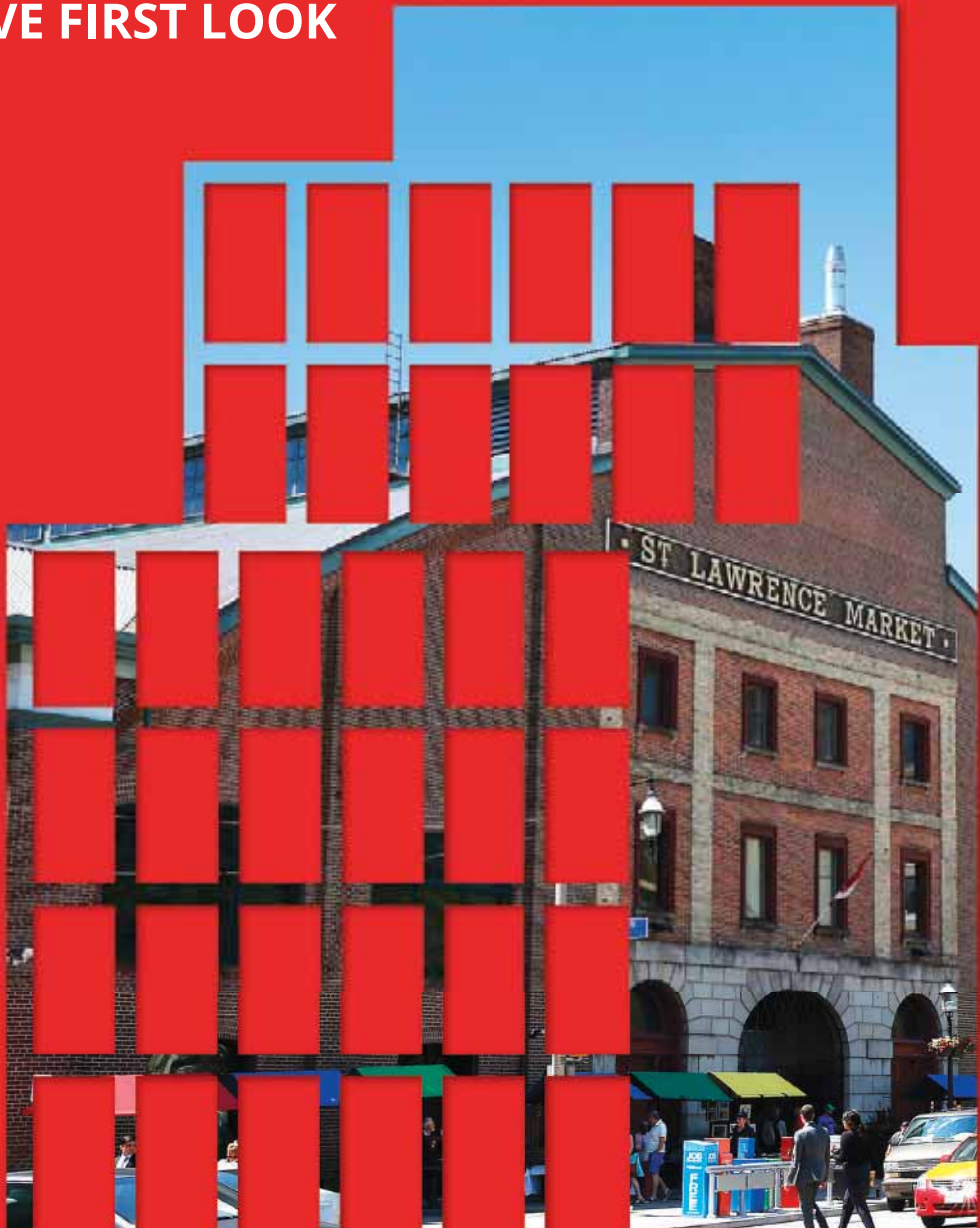
Here's a bright two-storey home on a quiet street. The pie-shaped lot offers a large, fenced-in backyard with a large storage shed. In a convenient location for getting around the city, the house includes a fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer, and a finished basement with a rec room. Listing agent Blair Holm is an associate with Sutton Group Kilkenny Real Estate, 204-475-9130.



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Karl Lohnes



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**1 Bollard Oil Lamp**

Add nautical flair to the deck or dock and light Dad's path to style. \$150, DWR.com

2 Thermashell Pro Kamado Turquoise Grill

Give him the thrill of the grill this year with the most stylish one on the market. \$2,900, Frontgate.com

3 Palram Plant Inn

Paint Dad's thumb green with a mini greenhouse and garden storage unit. \$298, Walmart.ca

4 Pizzacraft PizzaQue**Propane Pizza Oven**

Bravo Papa; perfect pizza at home! \$300, CanadianTire.ca

5 Adventure Wagon

From the gardening centre to the grocery store; it folds up and hides in the trunk until needed. \$200, Williams-Sonoma.com

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The gifts that keep on giving

Mike Yawney
For Metro

Ties become outdated and razors get dull, but technology is the gift that keeps on giving. If you want to impress dad this Father's Day, look no further than these tech toys and gadgets.

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MACBOOK — \$1,549 AND UP

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play. Perfect for dads who need computer power on the go.

METROKANE RABBIT ELECTRIC COCKTAIL MIXER — \$24.49

Add flare to dad's bartending. This mixer whips up drinks in seconds using a powerful "tornado style" mixing technology. The mixer has a strainer built into the top and can mix more than 100 drinks before needing new batteries.

DEEPER FISH FINDER — \$279.99

An ingenious device that turns your smartphone into a fish finder. Cast this pocket-sized device out onto the water and watch as it sends information such as the location of fish, water depth and temperature, bottom contour, and much more, right to your smartphone.

KENYON REVOLUTION GRILL — \$475 US

Every dad deserves

to barbecue. This portable grill runs off electricity so it doesn't require messy charcoal or expensive gas tanks. The electric element is concealed, meaning no flare-ups or smoke, making it safe for indoor or outdoor use.

SAMSUNG RADIANT 360 R7 — \$599.99

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LG G4 — \$199.99, WITH CONTRACT (\$699.99, NO CONTRACT)

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CLOCKWISE, FROM FAR LEFT: DEEPER FISH FINDER — \$279.99; MACBOOK — \$1,549 AND UP; KENYON REVOLUTION GRILL — \$475 US; SAMSUNG RADIANT 360 R7 — \$599.99; METROKANE RABBIT ELECTRIC COCKTAIL MIXER — \$24.49; PICOBREW ZYMATIC — \$1,999.99 US; LG G4 — \$199.99, WITH CONTRACT (\$699.99, NO CONTRACT).

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Last Minute Father's Day Gift Guide

STILL SEEKING THE PERFECT PRESENT FOR DAD? THIS SHORT LIST WILL HELP YOUR QUEST.

With Father's Day just around the corner, here's a list of the best practical but personal gifts to help inspire your last-minute shopping:

1. APPS

When you're down to the wire, you can always download an inventive and useful app in an instant. With ones that show dad thousands of ways to mix a cocktail, im-

prove his golf score or simply play games, there's an app that will appeal to even the most hard-to-buy-for father.

2. GIFT OF THE MONTH

Show dad you care year round by signing your pop up for a subscription to a monthly delivery service. Based on the old "book of the month club" model, these organizations offer everything to curated collections of meats and cheese to artisanal beers and, yes, books.

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Blue Jays tee off on Mets

MLB

Pillar, Valencia lead birds in rout of N.L. East leaders

Danny Valencia hit a three-run homer and Kevin Pillar had a solo shot as the Toronto Blue Jays kicked off a five-game homestand Wednesday night by dumping the New York Mets 8-0.

Pillar had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (35-32) ended a two-game mini-skid in front of 28,906 fans on a cool, comfortable spring evening at Rogers Centre.

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

8 **0**
BLUE JAYS METS

Drew Hutchison (6-1) worked 5-2/3 innings for the victory. Steve Delabar, Liam Hendriks, Aaron Loup and Ryan Tepera completed the six-hit shutout.

The Blue Jays, who entered play two games behind first-place Tampa Bay in the American League East, have won 12 of their last 14 games. The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the N.L. East-leading Mets.

New York (36-31) beat the Blue Jays in the first two games of the home-and-home series at Citi Field. The interleague set will wrap up Thursday night.



Blue Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar, right, celebrates with teammate Justin Smoak after defeating the Mets at the Rogers Centre on Wednesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hutchison was helped by some stellar defence from Ryan Goins in the early going. The Blue Jays second baseman made a nice diving snag to rob Lucas Duda of a hit and caught a Michael Cuddyer liner for the third out.

In the second inning, Pillar drove in Chris Colabello with a single to plate the game's first

run. Colabello had reached on a walk by Mets starter Jon Niese (3-7).

Pillar and Valencia tried a delayed double steal with two outs and runners on the corners, but the Mets didn't bite and Valencia was tagged out in a rundown on the third-base line.

The Mets put two runners on in the third after a Curtis

Granderson ground-rule double and Juan Lagares walk. Hutchison fanned Duda to keep New York off the scoresheet.

The Blue Jays right-hander was pulled in the sixth after giving up a two-out double to Cuddyer. He allowed four hits and a walk while striking out five.

Josh Donaldson led off the

bottom of the frame with a double and scored when Colabello stroked a single up the middle. Pillar made it a 3-0 game in the seventh inning with his fifth homer of the season.

Toronto tacked on five runs in the eighth off reliever Akeel Morris. Valencia capped it with his third home run of the season.

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INVESTIGATION

Lawyer says Cards execs not involved in hacking

High-level executives of the St. Louis Cardinals were not involved in the hacking of the Houston Astros' player personnel database, an attorney hired by the team said Wednesday, citing an internal review.

The Cardinals said they retained the Dowd Bennett firm for a review several months before this week's disclosure that the FBI is investigating whether the team hacked into the Astros' computer system that is used to track players and prospects.

"With what we have done so far, I am 100 per cent confident that this does not touch upper management and does not involve people like John Mozeliak and Bill DeWitt," Jim Martin, an attorney for the firm said. Mozeliak is the Cardinals' general manager and DeWitt is the team chairman.

Martin said he was retained in February.

The FBI has declined to confirm it is investigating the Cardinals, but a person familiar with the investigation told the AP that federal authorities are investigating whether members of the team were to blame for what Major League Baseball called a "breach" of the Astros database. There has been no indication of how many employees might be under investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TRAP SHOOTING

Six-time Olympian keeps Pan Am spot

Canadian trap shooting veteran Susan Nattrass will keep her spot on the Pan American Games team after an attempt to bump her was thwarted.

Nattrass, one of Canada's most decorated athletes, earned her spot on the squad in a shootoff with longtime teammate Cynthia Meyer.

The trouble stemmed from the Pan Am trials in Tucson, Ariz. Nattrass was permitted to shoot 30 minutes late after her gun

and car keys were inadvertently locked inside her rental car. Officials didn't deduct the standard three points for a late competitor, ruling Nattrass wasn't at fault.

Nattrass and Meyer tied, which led to a shoot-off that Nattrass won.

Meyer's request was thrown out by an arbitrator at a Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada hearing. Nattrass's lawyer said in a statement released Wednesday.



Susan Nattrass

was a vexatious proceeding and a considerable waste of resources having included more than six

“We are ecstatic,” Mark McMackin said in the statement. “This hearing was the fourth appeal on this matter — all of which were denied — and we feel this

lawyers and various staff from the Shooting Federation and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada in Montreal from Saturday night to Monday, June 15.”

The 64-year-old Nattrass is a six-time Olympian and a seven-time world champion. The Edmonton native was Canada's flag-bearer for both the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio, where she won gold, and the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

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Brazil's Raquel Fernandes, centre, celebrates her goal with Beatriz, left, and Erika during Wednesday's 1-0 win over Costa Rica in the Group E finale in Monton. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Canada to face Swiss

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canucks now have idea how path to trophy could look

Canada will have to get past Switzerland in the round of 16 at the Women's World Cup, in the process ending a 10-game winless streak against European opposition at the soccer showcase.

The Canadians came into the tournament having lost all nine previous World Cup meetings with teams from Europe. On the plus side it tied the Netherlands 1-1 in its final round-robin game in Montreal, conceding the tying goal in the 87th minute.

Canada, which finished atop Group A, will face the Swiss, third in Group C, on Sunday at BC Place Stadium. The winner will meet No. 6 England or No. 11 Norway in the quarter-finals.

The Swiss (1-2-0) are ranked 19th in the world, compared to No. 8 for Canada (1-0-2).

The Canadian women have played Switzerland four times,

+ ROUNDUP

Marie Delie scored off a header 34 seconds in and France routed Mexico 5-0 to win Group F. Also Wednesday, England beat Colombia 2-1, Brazil got by Costa Rica 1-0 and South Korea defeated Spain 2-1.

with three victories and one draw. Their last meeting was a 2-0 Canada win at the 2013 Cyprus Cup.

It's Switzerland's first trip to the World Cup. Coach Martina Voss-Teckleburg's team finished third in Group C after losing 1-0 to Japan, thumping Ecuador 10-1 and being beaten 2-1 by Cameroon.

Cameroon's win — a two-goal comeback — over the Swiss was its first over a European opponent at the tournament.

The top four third-place finishers from the six groups advanced to the round of 16, along with the group winners and runners-up.

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+ ROUND OF 16 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

In Ottawa

Germany vs. Sweden, 4 p.m.

In Edmonton

Cameroon vs. China, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

In Moncton

Brazil vs. Australia, 1 p.m.

In Montreal

France vs. South Korea, 4 p.m.

In Vancouver

Canada vs. Switzerland, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY

In Ottawa

Norway vs. England, 5 p.m.

In Edmonton

United States vs. Colombia, 8 p.m.

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In Vancouver

Japan vs. Netherlands, 10 p.m.

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Conn Smythe winner Duncan Keith and his family pose with the Stanley Cup on Monday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Babies in Cup show 'Hawks all grown up'

Before there was champagne in the Stanley Cup, there were babies.

Many Chicago Blackhawks players celebrated with their young children. Around the ice there was Duncan Keith's two-year-old son, Bryan Bickell's 10-month-old daughter, Brad Richards's eight-month-old son, Andrew Desjardins' six-month-old son and Kris Versteeg's newborn son.

The scene underscored to team president John McDonough just how much time had passed since the Blackhawks' first Cup

in 2010. "To see these guys mature into young adults, into grown men ... most of our guys when I started here were single," McDonough said. "Now there's babies all over the place."

When Chicago won five years ago, the team was full of babies — at least in NHL terms. Conn Smythe winner Jonathan Toews and defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson had just turned 22, Patrick Kane was 21, Bickell 23 and Brent Seabrook 24.

"It doesn't feel like a long time but it's been a long time," Toews said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Chile ace gets driving ban, still playing in Copa America

Chile's star midfielder Arturo Vidal was banned from driving for four months by a Chilean judge on Wednesday after he crashed his Ferrari while driving under the influence of alcohol.

Despite the judge's ruling, Chile national team coach Jorge Sampaoli said Vidal can continue to play for Chile, which is among the favourites in Copa America, the South American championship.

"I don't like to remove or exclude someone for making a mistake," Sampaoli told a news conference.

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Leicester cuts trio over video of apparent orgy

English Premier League club Leicester fired three players on Wednesday over a video showing them in an apparent orgy with Thai sex workers, one of whom was racially abused.

Manager Nigel Pearson's son James, Adam Smith and Tom Hopper had their contracts terminated on Wednesday after the team concluded its investigation into the incident on a post-season tour of Thailand. The video was obtained last month by British newspaper The Sunday Mirror. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Golden State bring gold back to Bay Area

NBA

Team receive warm welcome as Warriors end 40-year wait

Stephen Curry came off the plane, lifted the Larry O'Brien Trophy as he walked down the mobile staircase and let the gold award shine in the California sun. For the first time in 40 years, the NBA champions are back in the Bay Area.

With more than 100 team employees in yellow and blue shirts cheering them outside a private terminal, the Golden State Warriors were welcomed home to Oakland on Wednesday. The team spent Tuesday night in Cleveland — though the players didn't really sleep — after beating LeBron James and the Cavaliers 105-97 in the Game 6 clincher.

"We just stuck to who we are, fought through some tough times in the playoffs. At the end of the day, when you're holding the trophy, all the ups and downs are worth it," said Curry, the NBA MVP. "We'll remember this for the rest of our lives."

Players, coaches and team em-



Warriors guard Stephen Curry howls as he carries the Larry O'Brien NBA championship trophy off the team plane in Oakland on Wednesday. JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ployees soaked in the scene as much as they could.

As two helicopters hovered above the airport, the chartered flight received an escort from a

police car and two fire trucks on the runway. Curry was the first player off the plane and was quickly joined by teammates on the staircase.

Warriors employees, shuttled from team headquarters on three buses, cheered and chanted "War-ri-ors!" and the song We Are the Champions by Queen. They also pounded inflatable sticks and gave hugs and handshakes to players and coaches, with just about everybody taking photos and videos on their smartphones.

The welcome home capped a busy two-day stretch for the Warriors. After finishing off the Cavaliers, the team had a dinner at a high-end steakhouse in Cleveland.

They stayed up late celebrating with friends and family, and congratulations poured in from all over — including President Barack Obama, who phoned coach Steve Kerr to congratulate the Warriors on winning the title and invite them for a customary White House visit.

"This is nice to be back home with the trophy and be able to celebrate with our fans," Curry said.

"I can't wait for the parade. It's going to be so much fun. The Bay Area deserves this championship and we're going to have a good time celebrating."

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Cavs fans try to lift LeBron out of funk

LeBron James pulled off his sunglasses, and there was no hiding the hurt in his eyes.

He had given everything he had, the best player turning into a better teammate, and it wasn't enough. "If I could have gave more, I would have done it, but I gave everything I had," he said Tuesday after Cleveland's 105-97 loss to Golden State in Game 6 of the NBA Finals.

And that's more than just points, rebounds and assists. Throughout the year he had proven what it meant not just

to be the star but to be the leader, even more during the NBA Finals. "Well, I think that what's evident to everyone is what a spectacular basketball player that LeBron is. But he has become a great leader of his team," coach David Blatt said.

James believed he could will Cleveland to a championship, with a confidence that turned almost to defiance. Even as the Golden State Warriors had asserted themselves as the series went on, James said he didn't doubt the Cavaliers could win until the clock reached zero.

He was on the bench by then, walking off the court for the final time this season with a booming sound following.

"MVP! MVP!"

He didn't win the award, and he didn't win the championship. But Cleveland fans made it clear just how much they love the player who had once broken their hearts. James finished with 32 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists in another tremendous individual effort, but his outmanned Cavaliers lost the final three games.

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LeBron James after Game 6 of the finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh coriander

- 2 tsp fish or oyster sauce
- 2 tsp packed brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce

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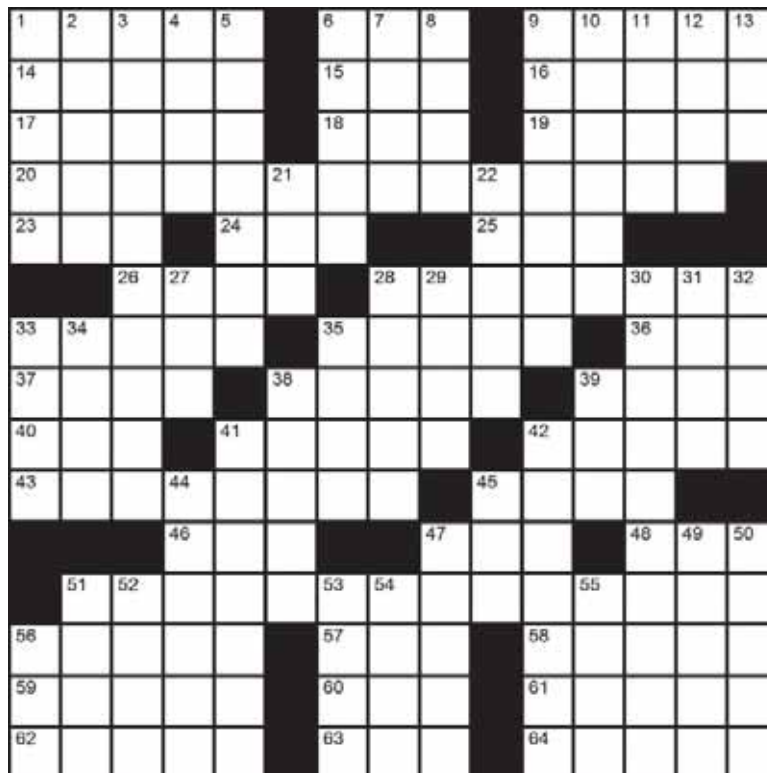
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ACROSS

1. "___ Street" by Gerry Rafferty
6. Get weaponry
9. Permitted in law
14. Sainte-___, Quebec
15. James or Hudson
16. "Bust ___" by Young MC
17. They form rooms
18. Disposed
19. Up an auction offer
20. Survive as a prepper would: 4 wds.
23. Mister, in India
24. Illuminated
25. Cartoonist Mr. Smythe
26. Church area
28. Since-1859 village in the Cariboo Mountains area of British Columbia
33. Pool buildup
35. Face, as an embankment
36. Mr. Marvin of films
37. Baltic country, for short
38. Dominated
39. Volcanic flow
40. Horoscope sign
41. Drive
42. Orbital point
43. Liquid dish soap brand
45. Fit
46. Keats specialty
47. Lady's pro-



- noun
48. Can. leaders
51. Burton Cummings song: 5 wds.
56. Highway crossing animal
57. ___-hat
58. Neutral paint colour

59. Does some gardening
60. And not
61. "There is a house ___ Orleans / They call the Rising Sun..."
62. Hagar the Horrible's dog
63. Ms. Leoni

64. Shelters for pigeons

DOWN

1. Has a really good cry
2. Irish tune: "Robin ___"
3. Saskatchewan town dubbed

- 'Canada's Hockey Factory'
4. Australian model Ms. Macpherson
5. Settle a dispute
6. Rearward, on the ocean
7. Captivated
8. Ancient tale

9. Most big
10. Surface
11. Desert in Mongolia
12. Enthusiastic
13. Headed
21. Giant's cry!
22. Miscalculated
27. "Fan-tast-ic!"
28. Bound-to-the-land person of ancient Sparta
29. Ended
30. Canadian police series of 2008 to 2012
31. Matthew the Apostle
32. 'For' votes
33. '___ fair in love and war'
34. In ___ of (Replacing)
35. Baseball legend Babe
38. Vancouver-born actor Seth
39. CD predecessors
41. Region of The States
42. Like a class workout in a gym
44. Not as tight
45. Fulfilled
47. Multi-headed beast of myth
49. "Me and Bobby ___" by Janis Joplin
50. Distorts
51. Groan
52. Oxen harness
53. Will antonym
54. Succulent plant
55. City in Nevada
56. "___, Doubt-fire" (1993)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Information that could be worth a lot of money will come your way today. You may be tempted to pass on what you learn to your friends but if you are smart you will keep it to yourself. Knowledge is power — and profit too.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
In just a few days your view of the world will change for the better and your current negative attitude will fade away. Focus on the many good things in your life rather than the few things that have gone wrong.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Recent cosmic activity has tested you to the limit and because you've been on the go from morning to night you may now be exhausted. If so, take the next few days off. The universe can go on without you for a bit.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Look back over the previous year and decide which of your ambitions to leave in the past and which you can take with you into the future. Dream, but be ruthlessly realistic as well.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make the most of the good things that happen today and tomorrow because over the weekend the atmosphere will change and you may not be quite so happy. A time for thinking rather than doing is approaching.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What is most important in your life? The money you make? The status you enjoy? Those things may be important in the short-term but over the course of a lifetime it's the love you give that makes all the difference. What will you give today?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The sun's stay in the adventurous area of your chart ends at the weekend, so make the next few days a time of discovery. Not that you won't be able to discover things after but you will have responsibilities to deal with.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not like what you have to do now but the sooner you get it done the sooner you can move on. The sun's entry into your fellow water sign of Cancer on Sunday marks a turning point in your fortunes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to take it personally if people do not agree with your point of view. If they get the impression you're thin-skinned they will focus on it. Be bold in your own beliefs and accepting of alternative points of view.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have covered a lot of ground in recent weeks and you will cover a lot more in the months to come. For best results though you need to stop being such a loner and join with those who share your interests.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
So many good things have happened of late that you may believe you'll be lucky forever. Know from past experience that is unlikely to be true. Life moves in cycles, so enjoy the highs but look out for the next low.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Act decisively today. Make sure that what has been started finally gets finished. Problems of a purely personal nature have taken up too much of your time and energy in recent weeks, so resolve them and move on.

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